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TRAIN DELAYED

Through Accident to a Freight—Fire at Rainy River.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—The train from the East to-day was seven hours late, the result of an accident to a freight train at Busteed, just west of Keewatin. Three loaded cars and two empties were derailed and piled up on the track as the result of a broken frog. No one was injured.

Burned Out.

The office of the Gazette, at Rainy River, Ont., was burned yesterday. The plant was owned by J. A. Osborne, of Brandon. Loss, $1,500; insured for $500.

Died at Quebec.

Quebec, Dec. 29.—Ex-Sergt.-Major A. Lynden, R. C. G. A., died here to-day after a short illness. He joined in 1871 and retired in 1900.

Toronto Mayoralty.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—At the mayoralty nominations to-day, Mr. Howland, the present mayor; C. Q. Robinson, Ald. Danfield, Lamb and Thos. Urquhart, Ald. Spence and Ald. Woodey were nominated, but Spence will probably retire. The general impression is that Lamb will be elected.

J. L. Thompson Dead.

Joseph L. Thompson, father of Ernest Thompson-Seton, the well known author and writer of animal stories, died at his residence here this morning.

Jury's Verdict.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 29.—At the inquest into the death of Wesley Watson, which occurred last Tuesday morning at his home near Middleport, the jury found that Wesley Watson met his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by Samuel Watson, during a period of irresponsibility, induced by excessive nervous and mental fear bordering on mania due to maltreatment previously inflicted by burglars, and the belief that they were again to be subjected to worse abuse by the same parties. The jury found no evidence of malice or premeditation, and believed he fully suspected his victim was a burglar.

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Socialist Nominated.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 29.—Nominations for the mayoralty were Robt. Rodehouse (Socialist), James Dixon (Liberal), Wellington J. Morden (Conservative).

FATAL RESULT OF FALL.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 30.—Imogene Tracy, one of the best known of soubrettes of a generation ago, is dead as the result of a fall down stairs at her home in this city. Miss Tracy took up the part of Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" after the role had been created by Marie Bates, and played it for many years. She was the one chosen to play the part in Europe at the time a fund was raised to have the play produced there.

The British consul at Hankow says the movements of Tung Fuh Siang give reason to expect trouble. Tung Fuh Siang is supposed to have 10,000 warriors under his command in Kan-su province.

WHY THE CROWN PRINCESS RAN AWAY

AFRAID SHE WOULD BE PUT IN ASYLUM

Says Life Is Impossible Without M. Giron—Official Statement to Be Made.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 30.—The Herald correspondent at Zurich, Switzerland, cables the report of an interview with the Crown Princess of Saxony, in which she is quoted as saying that M. Giron is the only man she ever met whom she felt she could love, and that it was a question of mutual love and affinity which made her life impossible without him.

"Between my husband and myself," said the Princess, "there was no bond of sympathy. He was a typical rough officer. I, myself, was full of ideals. How miserable that life was. I tried so hard to bear it for the sake of my darling children, whom I adore. I also hesitated for the sake of the Saxon people, whom I love deeply, as they love me. But all that could not alter my resolution. The ills of my life at the court were too great to bear."

Crown Princess's Story.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—King George of Saxony has ordered the preparation of a full official account of the elopement of the Crown Princess Louise and the circumstances leading up to it for the Saxon people, among whom the most fantastic stories are in circulation to the detriment of the royal house, especially with reference to the future king. The scandal is undermining, according to some opinions, the people's loyalty and respect for the throne. The dynasty being Catholic and the people Protestant the affair is being utilized for sectarian controversy. The King's statement doubtless will follow the line indicated in the intimations supplied to the newspapers having court leanings, published to-day, affirming that the Crown Princess's sole reason for eloping was her criminal relations with Professor Giron, and that documentary proofs have been found showing that the elopement had long been in preparation. The stories of ill-treatment on the part of her husband, of oppressive court ceremonial and of her fettered existence are classed as inventions.

The Crown Princess's own account of the immediate cause of her flight from Salzburg, written to an intimate friend, presumably the Princess Therese of Bavaria, was telegraphed from Munich this morning. It says her father, the Grand Duke of Tuscany, intended to imprison his daughter in a lunatic asylum or in an Italian convent. He had already consulted the court physician and several medical authorities in Vienna with the object of obtaining certificates warranting him in shutting her up. Her father, the Crown Princess adds, was giving her no time for deliberation. He demanded, first, that she be taken under guard to Dresden to apologize to the Crown Prince, and that she then choose between confinement in a convent or a mad house. The Crown Princess asks the Bavarian court to use its influence with the court at Dresden to permit her children to choose their vocation in life freely.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS.

Engaging the Attention of Hon. Clifford Sifton—Hon. J. H. Ross at Ottawa.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—F. C. Wade is here to-day seeing Hon. Clifford Sifton on Yukon matters, Hon. J. H. Ross, representative of the Yukon, is also here. Hon. Mr. Ross, who goes south in a few days, will meet Hon. Mr. Sifton to-morrow, when the question of the governorship of the Yukon will likely be discussed. So far nothing has been done about it.

At a meeting of Liberals at Montreal, at which Hon. R. Prefontaine was present, it was decided to start a French Liberal morning newspaper.

SENDS MESSAGES DAILY.

Marconi Maintains Communication With Cornwall With Increasing Efficiency.

Glace Bay, N. S., Dec. 28.—The Marconi station at Glace Bay continues to maintain daily communication with Cornwall with constantly increasing efficiency and facility. Marconi is still here, but will leave shortly for the Cape Cod station. In the meantime he is sending two or three messages by wireless telegraphy to Europe daily. Some of these are lengthy. One of the dispatches was directed to ex-Empress Eugenie.

EXTRADITION.

Protocol of Treaty With the United States Passes Brazilian Houses.

(Associated Press.)

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 30.—The protocol of the extradition treaty between Brazil and the United States has unanimously passed both Houses here.

The Brazilian government has made an appropriation of $200,000 to defray the necessary expenses of an exhibit at the St. Louis exposition.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.

Premiers Fail to Agree as to Cost of Administration of Common Affairs.

(Associated Press.)

Vienna, Dec. 30.—The Austrian premier, Dr. Von Koerber, was received in audience by Emperor Francis to-day and tendered his resignation, but His Majesty declined to accept. The Emperor subsequently presided at a conference between Dr. Von Koerber and the Hungarian premier, Coloman De Szell, at which the situation was considered. Meetings have been held at Vienna during the last week between the Austrian and Hungarian premiers in an endeavor to arrive at a compromise on the question of the Ausgleich, or the proportion of the cost of the administration of common affairs to be borne by Asutria and Hungary, and ended in failure. It has been stated that unless Emperor Francis Joseph shall succeed in compelling these two premiers to come to an agreement to-day both would resign.

VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE.

Four Thousand Eight Hundred Persons Reported to Have Been Killed.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Further advices from Andijan say the earthquake victims number 4,800, of whom 1,600 persons were killed in the town of Andijan; there was a cleft in the ground, whence sand, water and mud were issuing. The first shock lasted three seconds. It was repeated after half an hour, when buildings began tumbling. Walls were flung down and roofs collapsed, burying everyone within and groans and shrieks filled the air.

The shocks were continued uninterruptedly for fifteen minutes and were accompanied by terrific ramblings, torrential rain and a hurricane.

Another Shock.

Askabad, Russian Turkestan, Dec. 29.—Another violent earthquake shock was felt at Andijan at 10 o'clock last night.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Former Member of Strathcona's Horse Shot Himself at Vancouver.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Charles Powell, bartender and a former member of Strathcona's Horse, committed suicide at midnight in the Balmoral saloon. Powell had been drinking heavily and started out early in the evening with the avowed intention of killing Jack Leedham, a prize fighter, of whom he was jealous. Failing to find Leedham, Powell turned the gun on himself in a crowded barroom. Everyone dodged out of doors when the gun play started, except the barroom. Everyone dodged out of doors Powell threatened to shoot him. Twice the trigger snapped without discharging, but the third time it went off and the man died instantly. He was an Englishman, and had no relatives here.

BROKE PROMISE.

Millionaire Failed to Pay Ransom to Brigands, Who Killed Him While Entering Church.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Moscow announced that an Armenian millionaire, named Jambarov, has been murdered while entering a church there. Jambarov was captured by brigands in the Caucasus several months ago and obtained his release by promising to pay them ransom. This he failed to do and his captors killed him in revenge.

DWARF DEAD.

Fatma Sing Hpoo Died After a Few Minutes' Illness.

(Associated Press.)

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 30.—Fatma Sing Hpoo, reputed to be the smallest adult person in the world, died suddenly here yesterday. She and her brother, Smaun Sing Hpoo, were on exhibition and after the afternoon performance Fatma became ill and died before a doctor could reach her. She was 22 years of age, weighed 15 pounds, and stood 28 inches high.

FAST TRAVELLING.

Express Train Went One Mile in Thirty-Eight Seconds.

(Associated Press.)

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 30.—Train No. 1, the west-bound continental limited on the Wabash, has made a run of 112 miles from Montpelior, Ohio, to Logansport, Ind., in 110 minutes. Between New Waverley and Logansport, one mile was made in thirty-nine seconds, and one mile in thirty-eight seconds, the latter being at the rate of nearly ninety-five miles an hour.

THE BOER VOLUNTEERS.

Government Anxious to Secure the Services of Gen. Viljoen.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 30.—The British government is trying to secure the services of General Ben. Viljoen, who is now touring the United States, to command the Boer force which is going to Somaliland. It was General Viljoen who first suggested employing the Boers against the Somalis.

THE CURLERS.

The Scotch Visitors Had First Practice at Halifax.

(Associated Press.)

Halifax, Dec. 30.—The Scotch curlers had their first practice on Canadian ice here yesterday. They started in early in the morning and practiced till noon. After lunch they played a friendly game with six rinks of Halifax curlers. The weather is mild and the ice soft.

KIRCHEIMER IN THE POLICE COURT

HIS CASE WAS BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE TO-DAY

Number of Witnesses Examined After Which an Adjournment Was Taken Until This Afternoon.

The police court this morning presented a very unusual appearance. The greater part of the floor space not occupied by the furniture was monopolized by the goods which are alleged to have been stolen from Messrs. Turner, Beeton & Co., and if the assortment had been a trifle more varied the hall of justice would have strikingly resembled an auctioneer's mart. Approximately fifteen hundred dollars worth of denim, blankets, duck, drill, linoleum, cretonne and Axminster rugs comprised the lot, and possibly served to impress more potently than any formal charge the seriousness of the accusation which Kircheimer and Lorimer have to face.

The court room was crowded with spectators. The cases have created a profound sensation throughout the city, and in consequence long before the first was called this morning there was a considerable gathering in the court room. Both Lorimer and Kircheimer were on hand, attended by their counsel, George Jay for the former and Messrs. Powell and Walls for the latter. The hearing of evidence in the Kircheimer case was at once proceeded with and occupied the major part of the morning until shortly before 1 o'clock, when an adjournment was taken for lunch. During the examination of the witnesses Kircheimer sat a little behind his counsel and watched the proceedings very closely, taking copious notes. Once when he was unable to catch all that was being said he asked the witness to speak louder.

The first witness was H. B. Thompson, manager for Turner, Beeton & Co. After being sworn he stated that he knew the accused, who has bought goods from them from time to time beginning, as far as the witness knew, in September, 1901. He had purchased samples and a great deal of odds and ends which had been in the place for a number of years, and which were disposed of at a reduced price. When he made these purchases Kircheimer always paid for them in the office. Out of ten transactions he paid for eight by cheques, two being cash payments. Kircheimer's last payment was on October 17th, and was $153. The goods were usually delivered by Heaney's draymen.

On Monday, December 22nd, while witness was breakfasting at the Poodle Dog restaurant he saw Jos. Heaney drive past with a couple of bales of goods which he recognized as having come from Turner, Beeton & Co.'s. Thinking it strange that bales of denim should be delivered at that time of the day (about twenty minutes to nine) he followed the dray, overhauling it near Aaronson's. It went around the corner and up an alley at the rear of Kircheimer's store. He noticed "T. B. & Co." on the bales which were delivered at Kircheimer's. Witness went to the office of the firm and looked in the book to ascertain if any entry had been made. This had not been done, so he called Mr. Walker, of the manufacturing department, into the office and gave him certain instructions.

The floor of the establishment from which those goods came was looked after by Walter Lorimer and opened on the side street. In the bales delivered that morning were denim and a couple of pieces of silesia. He had seen the denim since then at Kircheimer's—on the following Tuesday. He accompanied the detectives when they searched the premises and found denim, blankets and a general assortment of goods there. He identified a number of wrappers produced as those used for covering denim. None of the goods produced in court had been sold by the firm to Kircheimer. He approximated the value of the goods which had been in the wrappers found at Kircheimer's store and the other goods recovered there at $1,900.

Thomas W. Walker, who is in charge of the manufacturing department of Messrs. Turner, Beeton & Co., was the next witness. He said that somewhere about 9 o'clock on Monday morning, December 22nd, acting under instructions from Mr. Thompson, he hastened to E. G. Prior's hardware establishment and asked permission to go into the store room. There he took up a position from which he commanded a view of the rear entrance of Kircheimer's store. He saw the accused come out of his place with some stuff that resembled burlap wrappers and hoopiron, and deposit them into a box, after which he returned to the store. Witness then saw a klootchman enter the alley, go to the box and pick up two or three wrappers and put them in her basket. He followed her to the railway bridge and asked her what she had. She dropped her basket and the witness picked up two denim burlaps, which he identified as having come from Turner, Beeton & Co.'s. The denim produced would be the class of goods wrapped in those burlaps. He had seen part of the denim recovered in a Chinese store on Cormorant street.

Joseph Heaney, drayman, who was next examined, said that on Monday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock he took two bales and two other articles from Turner, Beeton & Co.'s to Kircheimer's. He went to the Broad street entrance, but a boy there told him to go to the back. The goods were sent by Walter Lorimer, by whom witness was paid. The charge for drayage usually went down on a bill and was settled at the end of the month. He saw Mr. Thompson as he was delivering the goods at the rear of Kircheimer's store.

Cross-examined by Mr. Powell, Mr. Heaney stated that Walter Lorimer paid him for hauling when he (witness) got the goods. The dray was ordered by Lorimer over the telephone, the message being that it was wanted at Turner, Beeton & Co.'s at once.

When Mr. Thompson was recalled, he stated that the bales of goods had never been sold to Kircheimer. He then described the method of carrying on sale transactions, and swore that to his knowledge Kircheimer had never received an invoice nor bought any kind of denim. The only regular stock the latter had ever purchased from the firm was curtains for his house. On Tuesday morning last, when in Kircheimer's place he found nineteen pieces of denim, the same kind of goods that were in the two bales he had seen the previous morning. This would be the contents of those bales less one piece. He also found some heavy blue Alaska blankets, which he identified as Turner, Beeton & Co.'s. They had never been sold by the firm to the accused.

Detective Perdue was also examined as to the goods recovered at Kircheimer's on a search warrant on Tuesday last, and of the goods found in Chinese stores. Before an adjournment was taken evidence was given by Messrs. John Piercy and Moses Lenz, after which the proceedings were discontinued until this afternoon. The prosecution is in the hands of Mr. Belyea.

VIOLENT DEATHS.

New York's Record For Sunday Included Four Cases of Suicide.

New York, Dec. 28.—Nine persons met violent deaths in Greater New York today. Four were clear cases of suicide, and the others resulted from a variety of causes.

Mrs. Hugh Mooney drank carbolic acid and died before a physician could attend her. Her husband said she had tried twelve times before to commit suicide. Mrs. Mary Clarke, aged 45, wife of the chief officer of the steamer Beverly, died to-night from the result of gas poisoning, self administered. Geo. Simon, aged 46, and Jacob Schwartz, 35 years old, died after drinking carbolic acid. Mary Stack, aged 24, of Whitonsville, Mass., was found dead in a hotel. Escaping gas is given as the cause. An unidentified man was found in her room unconscious. Mary Series, aged 38, drank wood alcohol and died in a hospital. Henry Bunkey, aged 27, was found on the sidewalk with a fractured skull, and died later. Two men are dead as the result of falls, one in the power house of a street railway company, and the other in a lodging house. An eighteen-year-old girl unsuccessfully attempted suicide by swallowing carbolic acid, and a woman 32 years old hanged herself in a police station, but was cut down in time to save her life.

MAY HAVE TO SURRENDER.

Sultan's Troops Fail to Escape From Fez, Which Is Invested by the Rebels.

(Associated Press.)

Madrid, Dec. 30.—It is reported here that the Sultan of Morocco has been foiled in an attempt to break out of Fez by the rebels who are investing that city.

A dispatch from Tangier, Morocco, today, announces that the rebels have cut the aqueduct which supplies Fez with water, and added that the city is now practically without water. It was further asserted that unless the Kabyle tribesmen from the south come to the succor of Fez the place must surrender within three days.

Great Britain and France have notified Spain that they have no intention of taking any advantage of the situation in Morocco, and that they desire the maintenance of the status quo, even in the event of the Sultan being dethroned and his place taken by the pretender. These communications have reassured the Spanish government, which is relieved of fears of international complications.

The hostility against the Sultan is spreading in Fez. The Moors are exhibiting photographs of him arrayed in ridiculous garb. The Sultan yesterday assembled the notables of the besieged town at the palace and exhorted them not to despair, assuring the chiefs that the Imperial troops ultimately will triumph.

Advised to Escape.

Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 30.—Foreigners in the interior of Morocco have been advised to make for the coast, as provisions are scarce and channels of communication are almost closed. The pretender himself is reported to be twenty miles from Fez.

STILL NO ANSWER.

Castro Has Not Yet Replied to Proposal of the Allies.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Castro's answer to the allies' proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan troubles has not been received. In fact Secretary Hay had nothing of importance on the Venezuelan situation to communicate to the cabinet today.

Lively Fight.

Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 28.—The Venezuelan revolutionists have resumed active hostilities against President Castro. There occurred yesterday morning a lively engagement between 1,200 revolutionists, under Gen. Riera, and government forces at Cauyarao, in the vicinity of Coro.

Details of the engagement are lacking, but it is known here that the revolutionists had artillery. The government forces were commanded by Gen. Referno Castillo. Gen. Riera retained his position.

The armistice between the government and the revolutionists has just expired.

TROUBLE FEARED.

Missionaries in Siang Fu Region Instructed to Be Ready to Leave if Necessary.

(Associated Press.)

Pekin, Dec. 30.—The missionaries in the Siang Fu, capital of the province of Shen Si, region, have been officially notified to be prepared to leave if necessary. It is recommended that the women and children be sent to safe ports.

The movements of Tung Fuh Siang give reason to expect trouble. He is supposed to have ten thousand warriors under his command. The Imperial forces are very inferior in numbers.

HAWK FLEW ABOARD AT THE MERIDIAN

STRANGE CAPTURE OF LAND BIRD AT SEA

Arrival of the Glenogle From Orient—Plans Out For a New Steamer.

A chicken hawk away out on the meridian of the broad Pacific, hundreds of miles from land of any description, is something that the ordinary trans-Pacific liner does not meet, probably once in a century. Such a bird, however, alighted in the upper rigging of the steamship Glenogle as she was last crossing the meridian en route to Victoria. When the ship arrived this morning it was the prize pet of all the crew. After alighting the bird was not disturbed, but sat on its perch until night, when the Fourth officer climbed up to the fore topmast and made it prisoner. Shortly before the bird made its appearance the Portland liner Indravelli had passed the Glenogle on her way to the Orient, and it is presumed that the bird was carried seaward on that ship, flying from one to the other as the vessels began to get wider apart.

On the outward passage of the ship a somewhat similar incident occurred. Just as the steamer was at a point nearest the Aleutian islands a lark flew aboard, which is still in the possession of Purser Wilhelm. It was very wild when first caught, but has since become so tame that it will eat out of the purser's hand. The Glenogle brought 31 Chinese and 3 Japs for Victoria. She also brought 200 tons for this city and 2,400 tons for point beyond. There was one saloon passenger whose arrival is mentioned elsewhere in this paper.

This is the last trip of the Glenogle. Her charter will expire when she reaches Hongkong, and from there she will probably go to England.

On the voyage here officers report experiencing stormy weather. Three days out from Yokohama a stiff gale was encountered, but the ship rode out all without accident.

Among the Oriental news which the Glenogle brings is a report which comes from Hongkong to the effect that the freebooters have entirely occupied half the province of Kwang-si and that Gen. Mah has been killed. The situation is considered serious.

A memorial has been submitted for the institution of a lottery in China for the purpose of obtaining funds for the payment of the indemnity. Imperial approval has been obtained and further inquiry will be made into the scheme.

A Pekin dispatch, under date of December 10th, says a proposal has been made for the construction of a railway between Szechuen and Hankow, but Prince Ching refused to give permission on the ground that Englishmen would raise objection.

After exhaustive consultations between the Japanese and Russian governments, the fishery privileges in Saghalien Island, writes the Hakodate correspondent of the Japan Gazette, have been granted to Japanese for one year more. Taking advantage of the recent visit to Japan of M. Vedenski, Russian state estate superintendent general, the Japanese government is said to have conferred with him in this connection, and is now going to send instructions to the Japanese minister in St. Petersburg to ask the Russian government to grant Japanese the perpetual right to participate in fishing in Saghalien, and it is expected moreover that the Russian government will give Japanese fishers there special protection.

WYEFIELD'S FINE RUN.

"The steamer Wyefield, plying between San Francisco and British Columbia, has distinguished herself by making the run to Victoria in sixty-five hours, or an average of eleven and one-quarter knots an hour," says the San Francisco Chronicle. "This for a collier without pretensions is considered very good and reflects credit upon Chief Engineer J. W. Welton and his crew, as well as upon Captain A. Matson and all others connected with the steamer. The run to Nanaimo from San Francisco was made in seventy-four hours. Chief Welton has only recently returned to the steamer after an absence of eight months."

PLANS FOR NEW VESSEL.

R. F. Stephens, the well known shipbuilder of this city, is at work on the plans for a new passenger and freight steamer to be built next spring for a Puget Sound steamship company. The vessel is to be 260 feet long, and as such will be larger than the Charmer. The names of those who contemplate the construction of the steamer, Mr. Stephens will not divulge, nor is it known for what service the steamer is intended. Mr. Stephens has lately been working on a new pleasure launch, which in point of design, speed and appointment will have few equals in this port.

ANOTHER ORIENTAL LINER.

Steamer Iyo Maru arrived this afternoon, making the fourth Oriental liner in port since midnight. Among her passengers were Mr. Ohmura, a Japanese railway engineer, who will inspect the various systems throughout Canada and the United States; Dr. Gunness, a missionary from China, and James A. Kelly,

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THE COLLISION ON GRAND TRUNK

STATION AGENT AND DISPATCHER EXAMINED

All the Victims of Friday Night's Disaster Have Now Been Identified.

London, Ont., Dec. 29.—An inquest was opened at Wyoming this morning into the cause of the wreck on the Grand Trunk at Wanstead on Friday night.

James Kerr, dispatcher at London, who had the trains which collided on his board, was the first important witness. He stated that originally orders were given to the agents at Watford and Wyoming to have the Pacific express and extra freight cross at Wanstead. Some time after this order had been put through in the usual form, the operator at Wyoming reported that the freight was slow in getting away. Kerr then saw if the order was carried out, he would have the Pacific express two hours late, laid up at Wanstead waiting for the extra freight train to clear the line, something which would get him into trouble. He therefore wired Wyoming to hold the freight. The operator there went out to do so, and came back with the intelligence that the train had gone. In the meantime Kerr had wired Watford asking him to hold the order for crossing at Wanstead, as he might "bust" it, intending to substitute an order for crossing at Wyoming in its stead. Then Watford wired him that he had "busted" the order and that the Pacific express had gone. Kerr at once saw a collision was probable and endeavored to prevent it. He called up Kingscourt, but did not succeed in getting the operator until the express had passed that station, at which it did not stop. Then he called Wanstead, where an operator is not on duty at night, but he thought he might be in the office. As it happened, the operator was looking out of the window of his house and saw the trains collide. He rushed to the station and found the dispatcher calling him to stop the express. It was of course too late.

At the afternoon session, Andrew Carson, station agent at Watford, was examined. He had been in the service of the company for 35 years. He produced a copy of the original order, across the face of which was written, "Busted." Carson said the dispatcher gave him the order and then instructed him to "bust" it. He had his order board out, and when the conductor of the express came in and asked the reason for the stop, he told him that the assistant divisional superintendent was on board, and he had better hurry. Witness showed him the order with "busted" written across the face of it. He then gave him a clearance order.

The inquest then adjourned until tomorrow at 1.30.

The evidence shows a dispute between Carson and Kerr. Carson says Kerr told him to "bust' the order. Kerr says he said to "hold, may bust it." If Carson is correct, the blame will lie principally upon Kerr. If Kerr is right, the blame is Carson's for allowing the train to go. Under the rules of the road, Carson is also to blame even if his version is right, for he should have held the express until a new order had been issued for crossing at Wyoming.

The identity of the last body was established to-day. It is that of Miss Toini Boananen, bound from Toronto to Duluth. All patients in the hospital are resting well.

All but one of the bodies of those who lost their lives have been sent home, excepting that of George D. Suther, of Lockport, N. Y., whose friends have not yet been located in that city. The cases in the hospital over which the greatest apprehension is feared are those of Mr. Baker(of London, and Mr. Barnes, of Woodstock. Danger of pneumonia resulting from exposure is feared.

The body of Fireman Rickett, of the express train, which was believed to be buried under the wrecked engines, was found yesterday covered with snow in the ditch beside the track. One arm was completely torn off and the body was otherwise mangled. Death must have been instantaneous. It is believed that the body was thrown clear of the engine and into the deep snow in the ditch, where in the storm's darkness the wreckers failed to find it Friday night. Snow fell rapidly all that night, so that Rickett's body was completely covered at daybreak and was not found. One of the men working at the wreck noticed a little mound in the ditch and investigation showed Rickett's body under snow.

St. Vitus's

Dance, or chorea, is one of the most pitiable afflictions humanity is called on to endure. That this disease can be cured, however, is proven by the fact that it *has been cured* by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. The tranquilizing effect upon the nerves exercised by this remarkable medicine is witnessed to by thousands who have found healing and strength in its use. It not only cures womanly diseases, but it promotes the health of the whole body. It is a nerve-feeding, strength-giving, sleep-inducing medicine. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

"Favorite Prescription" contains no alcohol and is entirely free from opium, cocaine, and all other narcotics. It cannot disagree with the weakest or most delicate constitution.

"When our daughter Lizzie had St. Vitus's dance, I happened to get one of your small books and read it," writes Henry L. Miller, Esq., of 1016 North 7th St., Burlington, Iowa. "Among other things I found that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cured patients suffering from that trouble, so I went out and got a bottle. She was very bad at that time and could hardly talk. When I read about your medicine in that small book, I said to myself, with the help of God and that medicine we can cure our daughter. We did so. Four bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' cured her, and I did not have to take her to the doctor any more. She is well, thank God and the 'Favorite Prescription' for it."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure biliousness.

MAY MAKE CONCESSIONS.

Dispatch From Caracas Indicates That Venezuela Desires Speedy Settlement.

Caracas, Dec. 28.—United States Minister Bowen and Lopez Baralt, Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, held a long conference last night. Mr. Bowen, obeying instructions from Washington, conveyed to Senor Baralt President Roosevelt's refusal to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan difficulty. He recommended that the matter be taken to the international peace court at The Hague, which had been expressly organized to consider questions in which the honor of a country or disposition of territory were not concerned. He suggested the organization of a commission to sit in Washington, the allied powers to be represented at this commission by their ambassadors to the United States, and Venezuela by a delegate. The commission is to sign a document setting forth the matters to be decided at The Hague court.

Mr. Bowen said also that Germany would not press for an immediate payment, and that she had agreed to accept a guarantee based on a percentage of the custom receipts.

As a result of this conference Senor Baralt telegraphed President Castro to return from La Victoria. The President will reach here to-morrow, and Venezuela's answer to the foregoing proposal will be given then. It is understood that Venezuela will make any concession, even abandoning her demand that her navy be returned.

Through the Venezuelan delegate to the commission the Venezuelan government will ask that the blockade be lifted at once. Senor Baralt has expressed the desire that Mr. Bowen represent Venezuela on the commission.

Senor Baralt has prepared the following statement for the Associated Press: "Venezuela agrees to pay all her debts, the payments to be guaranteed by a certain percentage of the custom receipts, or by the flotation of a special loan, also to be guaranteed. I believe the proposal to submit the issue to The Hague will be acceptable to President Castro. I am sorry that President Roosevelt was unable to act as arbitrator."

Not Damaged.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 29.—The British sloop-of-war Fantome, which was sent to command the entrance to the Orinoco and went aground, has arrived here. The ship has sustained no damage.

REBELS NEAR FEZ.

Forces of Pretender to Throne of Morocco Still Active—Warships Sent to Coast.

Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 26.—On December 22nd ten thousand Shereefian troops, commanded by a brother of the Sultan's minister of war, received orders to concentrate and take the offensive against the pretender at Taza. Before the Shereefians moved upon him the pretender attacked them with large bodies of cavalry. The Imperial army was surrounded, completely routed and fled in disorder towards Fez, abandoning all material of war. The first fugitives arrived at Fez on the morning of December 24th.

The European colony of Fez, numbering about 20 persons, is taking no steps to leave the town, and appears to be satisfied that there is no imminent danger, although the situation is regarded as serious.

No details of the Imperial losses have yet been reported here, but it is rumored that 2,000 of the Sultan's soldiers were killed or wounded.

Christians Safe.

London, Dec. 29.—A dispatch received here by the Times, dated December 29th, from Tangier, says a courier from Fez reports the Christians there to be safe. The missionary women are in the British consulate.

The attack upon the camp occurred at night time. It is reported that 2,000 of the Sultan's troops were killed.

Warships for Scene.

Valetta, Island of Malta, Dec. 29.—H. M. S. Bacchante, the flagship of Admiral Walker, together with the British battleships Canopus and Victorious, and the cruiser Diana have left here for Gibraltar, it is believed, in connection with the Moroccan situation. The battleship Implacable will follow the other warships shortly.

Action of Spain.

Madrid, Dec. 29.—King Alfonso today discussed the Moroccan crisis with General Weyler, minister of war, and the Duke of Veragua, minister of marine. In addition to the cruiser Infanta Isabel, which has already gone to Tangier, other vessels are to be held in readiness to take reinforcements to Ceuta and Melilla. The latest news to reach Madrid confirms the previous reports that Fez has been invested by the rebels.

Those army officers who were absent on furlough have been ordered to return to their posts. A regiment of infantry has left for Algiers, and another is being held in readiness to go. Forces of cavalry, artillery and engineers, as well as a detachment of the hospital corps, are also ready to be moved.

UNITED STATES CABLE.

No Messages Yet Received on New Line From Hawaii.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—There was no flash to-day from the cable ship Silvertown to indicate that Hawaii is in telegraphic communication with the world. The cable officials see no reason for anxiety over the matter. A heavy swell would prevent the getting of the cable to shore. The steamer Sonoma, which sailed from Honolulu, December 23rd, at 6.15 in the morning, arrived here to-day, and reports that after leaving the islands she experienced two days of squally, rainy weather.

S. S. Dickenson, the Pacific Cable Company's engineer who went from Honolulu to Manila on the steamer Colenia to make a survey for the cable from the Hawaiian islands to Manila via Guam—which will be laid by the Colonia—has returned to Honolulu. He selected landing stations at Midway, Guam and Manila. "The purposes of the trip of the Colonia," said Mr. Dickenson, "was, in addition to the selection of the sites, to discover a route around the famous 'Nero Deep,' a place which is located between Guam and Midway Island, and which was found to be impracticable for the laying of a cable. Our trip was entirely successful in this respect. We found a route by which the cable can be laid around this impossible deep hole. I cannot at this time give out any details of my information connected with this work until after I shall have sent it to my people of the cable company. We did not attempt to survey certain portions of it. We reached Manila on November 14th."

He states that while the cable ship Anglia is to come to Honolulu to lay the cable out to Midway Island, the time of her arrival will depend upon the completion of that section of the cable by the Telegraph & Maintenance Company which is laying that portion of the route.

"The soundings we took were all satisfactory," said Mr. Dickenson, "and as for the 'Nero Deep,' we carefully avoided it. We went down to four thousand five hundred fathoms, and then we went around the edge. The only good thing that can be said about Midway island is the fact that it makes a good cable landing. It is a desolate sandy stretch of land, and the operators who have to live there have my sympathies. I got between twenty and thirty fine turtle there in a very short while, so the operators will be in no danger of starving even if the supply ship should fail to materialize, a not very possible contingency."

SECURITIES MISSING.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Albert Heyde, submanager of the Potsdam branch of the National Bank Fuer Deutcheland, has disappeared. An investigation shows that $23,750 in securities is missing.

In washing woollens and flannels, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) will be found very satisfactory.

"Prizes" with common soaps are dearly paid for at the expense of clothes and hands.

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SALMON RETURNS FOR PAST SEASON

STATEMENT OF THE PACKERS' ASSOCIATION

Results Per Cannery Show a Big Decrease Over Those of a Year Ago.

The pack of the British Columbia salmon season of 1902, as compiled by the Fraser River Canners' Association, is appended. The statement gives a complete return of the year's cannery operations, and as told in the Times heretofore shows a big shortage in the totals as compared with those of last year. A year ago there were 1,236,156 cases packed in British Columbia, while this year it will be seen that the aggregate amounts only to 327,095 cases for the Fraser and 298,887 cases for the North, or a total of 625,982 cases. Of this production over half has been forwarded to the United Kingdom, the total shipments showing that 386,624 cases have thus been disposed of. The packs by canneries are as follows:

Fraser River.	Sockeyes.	Spring and Fall.
B. C. Packers' Association—		
Albion	9,380	....
Atlas	5,028	....
Anglo-American	6,068	1,658
Alliance	3,636	....
Acme	4,006	....
Brunswick No. 1	10,057	13,904
Brunswick No. 2	7,830	....
Canadian Pacific	8,117	9
Currie & McWilliams	9,428	1,286
Colonial	4,281	....
Celtic	3,947	....
Cleeve	8,208	232
Delta	7,863	....
Dinsmore Island	5,446	17
Ewens	14,301	....
Greenwood	4,527	....
Hume	4,496	....
Imperial	4,756	....
Pacific Coast	6,815	2
Provincial	3,407	....
Terra Nova	8,405	1,257
Westminster Packing Co.	8,382	....
Total, 166,868.		
Anglo-British Columbia Pkg. Co., Ltd.—		
Britannia	6,030	....
British America	5,515	2,871
B. C. Packing Co.	2,680	....
Canoe Pass	3,420	....
Phoenix	6,658	....
Wadhams	5,408	....
Total, 32,582.		
United Canneries of B. C., Ltd.—		
English Bay	7,500	....
Gulf of Georgia	15,537	....
Scottish-Canadian	14,520	....
Total, 37,557.		
Canadian Canning Co., Ltd.—		
Fraser River	7,228	1,398
Star	11,421	....
Vancouver	6,266	....
Total, 26,313.		
J. H. Todd & Sons—		
Beaver	7,269	1,428
Richmond	5,990	....
Total, 14,687.		
B. C. Canning Co., Ltd.—		
Deas Island Cannery	7,236.	325
Total, 7,561.		
National Packing Co., Ltd.—		
Eagle Harbor Cannery	4,801	2,525
Total, 7,326.		
Great Northern Cannery—		
Great Northern Cannery.	7,194	417
Total, 7,611.		
Federation Brand Co., Ltd.—		
Lighthouse Cannery	4,241	3,562
Total, 7,803.		
St. Mungo Canning Co., Ltd.—		
St. Mungo Cannery	11,127	2,347
Total, 13,474.		
C. S. Windsor—		
Industrial Cannery	5,023	290
Total, 5,313.		
Skeena River.		
B. C. Packers' Association—		
Balmoral	5,885	1,604
Cunningham's	12,399	5,427
Standard	8,286	3,601
Total, 37,202.		
Anglo-British Columbia Pkg. Co., Ltd.—		
B. A. & N. Pacific Can.	33,385	5,778
Total, 39,163.		
J. H. Todd & Sons—		
Inverness Cannery	13,227	3,855
Total, 17,082.		
B. C. Canning Co., Ltd.—		
Aberdeen Cannery	11,990	5,580
Total, 17,570.		
Carlisle Canning Co., Ltd.—		
Carlisle Cannery	10,380	1,182
Total, 11,562.		
Wallace Bros., Ltd.—		
Claxton Cannery	12,158	5,408
Total, 17,566.		
P. Hermon—		
Hermon's Cannery	7,500	3,230
Total, 10,730.		
J. Turnbull—		
Turnbull's Cannery	2,467	1,443
Total, 3,910.		
Rivers Inlet.		
B. C. Packers' Association—		
Brunswick	14,223	179
Wadhams	18,595	127
Wannuck	9,062	618
Total, 42,804.		
Anglo-British Columbia Pkg. Co., Ltd.—		
Good Hope Cannery	12,000	382
Total, 12,382.		
B. C. Canning Co., Ltd.—		
B. L. & Victoria Can.	14,939	173
Total, 15,112.		
Naas River.		
Federation Brand Co., Ltd.—		
Mill Bay	11,519	819
Naas Harbor	9,434	1,446
Total, 23,218.		
Lowe Inlet.		
B. C. Packers' Association—		
Lowe Inlet Cannery	5,701	1,837
Total, 7,538.		
China Hat.		
B. C. Packers' Association—		
Princess Royal Cannery	2,642	966
Total, 3,608.		
Dean Channel.		
R. Draney—		
Kimsquit Cannery	6,491	1,416
Total, 7,907.		
Namu Harbor.		
R. Draney—		
Namu Cannery	2,019	2,947
Total, 4,966.		
Bella Coola.		
B. C. Packers' Association—		
Bella Coola Cannery	2,685	2,182
Total, 4,867.		
Smith's Inlet.		
Wm. Hickey Canning Co.—		
Hickey Cannery	5,200	....
Total, 5,200.		
Alert Bay.		
B. C. Packers' Association—		
Alert Bay Cannery	1,772	9,034
Total, 10,806.		
West Coast Vancouver Island.		
Clayoquot Sd. Fish. & Trad. Co., Ltd.—		
Clayoquot Cannery	4,000	1,604
Total, 5,604.		

UNIDENTIFIED.

Remains of Another Victim Found at the Molly Gibson Mine.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 29.—But little further word has been received from the Molly Gibson mine since Saturday. Campbell's body was brought down to the landing to-day. Another body was found, but not identified, about two miles from the site of the bunk house, but has not yet been got to the roadway.

Provisions and supplies were taken up Sunday to the mine for the use of the rescuers, and the four men who had taken refuge in the tunnel were brought to the foot of the tramway.

All the survivors of the city are doing well, with the exception of McLaughlin, whose injuries proved more serious even than were anticipated. He is holding his own, but the time that elapsed before he reached shelter had a very bad effect on him.

SMALLPOX ON STEAMER.

New York, Dec. 29.—The steamer Belgravia, which arrived to-day from Hamburg and Boulogne with 1,344 steerage passengers, was detained at quarantine because of one case of smallpox. The steamer will be disinfected and released this afternoon.

WANTS.

WANTED—Furnished house for 6 months, not to exceed $20. P. O. Box 278.

WANTED—Ward maid. Apply to Matron, Jubilee Hospital.

WANTED—Furnished house or housekeeping rooms, by married couple with two small children. Address 4., Times Office.

WANTED—A young girl to mind child of two years. "The Den," Esquimalt road, near Lampson street.

WANTED—Employment as caretaker, watchman, or any place of trust; security given if needed. A. Wiggs, Post Office, Victoria.

WANTED—Good general servant; wages $25 per month. Apply 136 Menzies street.

WANTED—A teacher for Burgoyne Bay school, South Salt Spring Island; one wanted that can teach music; a good certificate required. Address Edward Lee, South Salt Spring Island, secretary.

WANTED—One or two appropriations in a local building society. Address, stating number of payments yet to be made, bonus asked, etc., No. 11, Times Office.

PARTICULARS ARE WANTED, and, where possible, accompanied by photographs, of improved mixed farms for sale of from 70 to 160 acres, with house, outbuildings, etc., on Pender or adjacent Islands or in Saanich District. Address Secretary, Bureau of Provincial Information, Victoria.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Good horse. Apply to J. R. Styles, expressman, Yates street.

FOR SALE—5,000 rubbers, men's, boys', women's, misses', from 10 cents. Eden's Junk Store, 125 Fort, near Blanchard.

BRASS FORCE PUMP, incubator, butter and milk separator, at Old Curiosity Shop, cor. Blanchard and Yates streets.

FOR SALE—Nice lot on South Turner street, on sewer; price $500. Heisterman & Co.

FOR SALE—Two phaetons and two express wagons and horses. At W. A. Robertson & Son's, Blanchard street, Victoria.

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TO LET—Two large light offices; best position in the city; rent reasonable. Thomas & Grant, 92 Government street.

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TO RENT—Furnished rooms. Apply at 60 Rae street.

TO LET—Furnished for housekeeping, 3 rooms, with use of fine piano and new sewing machine, $15 per month; 2 rooms (light housekeeping), $10 per month; newly furnished front rooms, $5 per month. 118 Douglas street, cor. Cormorant street.

TO LET—Suitable housekeeping rooms. 152 Fort street.

HOUSES TO LET—Dallas road, 7 rooms $22.50
Cadboro Bay road, 9 rooms 20.00
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LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—Garnet and pearl brooch, oval form, Wednesday afternoon, in city; five dollars reward. Campbell's ladies' outfitter, Fort street.

LOST—Gold neck chain, with small gold heart attached set with pearls and one ruby. Finder please leave at Times Office and receive reward.

PERSONAL.

WILL MR. J. L. FINCH please call at this office, or send his address, and oblige.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PROFESSOR JOS. KING, LL.D., the Osborne Saloon, has some marvellous curios, half an elephant and half a pig, half a dog and half a pig, brought from India, 1853. Come and see them.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 30.—5 a. m.—The high barometer area in the North Pacific states is sinking slowly to the southeast; an ocean storm area is central at Barkerville, and the pressure is low from the Pacific to the Lakes region; the passage of the low caused fresh westerly winds on the Straits; heavy rain has fallen on the Lower Mainland and moderate rain here and in western Washington; snow is falling at Spokane, and heavy frost occurred in California. No precipitation has occurred in the Northwest during the last 24 hours, and the weather there is fair and cold.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to strong winds, chiefly westerly, unsettled and mild, with rain or sleet.

Lower Mainland—Moderate or fresh winds, unsettled and cool, with rain or sleet.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.65; temperature, 45; minimum, 43; wind, 12 miles S. E.; rain, .25; weather, rain.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.60; temperature, 44; minimum, 42; wind, 20 miles S.; rain, 1.58; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.48; temperature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 10 miles S.; weather, fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.26; temperature, 30; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.40; temperature, 28; minimum, 22; wind, calm; weather, clear.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—Messrs Bracken, Kelt and Bell, Rev Dr Whittington, A B Clark, C Gardner, A W Wood, M H Lowrick, J L G Abbott, D Douglas, A S Gilbert, Miss N Marsden, Geo Sibbold, Miss Lena Abercrombie, Miss L Marsden, Mrs R Watson, S Martin, C H Gilian, Jas Fowler, W Jacob, W Ives, W Thomson, E W Pyke, Mrs Hatt, W H Kinney and wife, C Casselman, A D Yuill, R Coulter and wife, C S Nesbitt, W J Waterman, H Bickle, Rev C Ensor Sharpe, J F Mullens, G A McLaughlin, C Chitty, L Peterson.

Per steamer Majestic from the Sound—Miss Babcock, J J Macdonald, Lou Pistel and wife, Miss Jackson, Mrs Dilonits, J C Cackey, H Cuthbert, L P Duff, T Calderwell, J Epner, C Hallanoe, P Fusey and wife, W J O'Neill, Mrs Mulholland, Geo Gibson, E T Allen, Geo Ashley, Dr Riggs, G Retroseek and wife, Mrs Riggs, Mrs Ferris, W F Olberg, Capt Gatter, W E Wood, E S Brown, Jno Hogen, S P Kenny, C Linemann, O Van Horn, M Walsh, G E Jackson, W S Saunders, Geo Bishop, J Conrad, Fred Kendell, Capt Hill, Jas Ellis, Jas Casper, G T Muir, J F Duthill, Mrs Duthill, G E McMillen, Thos Bradley, P Storck, H Hampton, Mrs Taylor, Miss Gleason, G Mellison, G Carroll and wife, W Lloyd and wife, W D Norman, Capt Beecher.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Majestic from the Sound—Vic Gas Co, Jay & Co, J Piercy & Co, T R Cusack, C M Cookson, Fairview Nursery, E G Prior & Co, Lenz & Leiser, Hinton Elec Co, Colonist, Speed Bros, Saunders Gro Co, Turner, Beeton & Co, N W S & Re Co, Weller Bros, N Peppas, N P Exp Co, N Exp Co.

TORONTO MINING EXCHANGE.

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Toronto, Dec. 30.—The following were the closing quotations on the Mining Exchange to-day:

	Asked.	Bid.
B. C. Gold Fields	5	4
Black Tail	9	7
Canadian G. F. S.	4	3
Cariboo, McKinney	19	17
Cariboo Hydraulic	75	40
Centre Star	38½	37
Fairview Corp.	4½	4⅛
Giant	3½	2¾
Granby Smelter	$3.75	$3.20
Iron Mask	9	..
Lone Pine-Surprise Con.	5	3
Morning Glory	3	..
Morrison	3	..
Mountain Lion	14	11
North Star	8½	7½
Payne	11	8
Rambler Cariboo Con.	35	30
Republic	8	6
Sullivan	6	3
Virtue	8	5
War Eagle Con.	19½	17
White Bear	2½	..
Dom. Cons.	4	..
St. Eugene	22	15

Toronto Sales To-Day.

Fairview—900 at 4⅞; 4,000 at 4½; 4,000 at 4½; 7,000 at 4½.
North Star—2,000 at 8.

Rossland Sales Yesterday.

Mountain Lion—3,000 at 12.
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Centre Star—1,000 at 36.
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CITY COUNCIL HELD LAST SESSION OF 1902

Motion of Ald. McCandless Regarding Reclamation Work Was Carried—Bridge and Loans.

The council last evening held their last regular session in the year 1902, but did not signallize it by any momentous civic legislation, neither was a flood of oratory turned loose, despite the rapid approach of the elections, and it is quite evident that the prospective candidates are loath to disturb the last moments of the dying year with campaign speeches. Next week there should be something doing.

Just after the meeting was opened, Ald. Grahame again drew attention to the very dangerous state of First street, caused by the operations of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company. The company had been requested to restore the thoroughfare to proper condition, and were given ten days in which to do it. Mr. Jeffrey, secretary of the company, had promised to bring the matter up at the next meeting of the directors, but although they had met, nothing had been done to improve the street. A serious accident would occur there if something wasn't done. He advised that the city solicitor write the company a strong letter.

Ald. Yates also complained that the company had blocked up the entrance to the market yard, preventing teams from going in to unload.

Ald. McCandless, in regard to First street, said the city should do the work and charge it to the railway. It was unfair that the people there should have to wait the pleasure of the company. The company will be again communicated with on the subject.

During the evening the motion by Ald. McCandless regarding the reclamation work was put and carried.

The Victoria Machinery Depot Company, Ltd., communicated the following on the all-important bridge question:

Having decided (at our annual meeting, which took place last week) to enlarge these works considerably, by installing new machinery, we find we will be able to do a great deal more work here on the pin-bridge than before anticipated. Under these circumstances, and in view of discontent shown by other local firms, who object to the plans being altered without reopening the whole business and calling for new tenders, we trust that our original bid of six and one-half cents per pound, to be completed in ten months, will be accepted. We trust this may be arranged because it would be very unfair to us to have new tenders called for, seeing that our prices have already been published for both classes of bridge, and our competitors, who are now discontented, did not offer any tender in the first place.

Ald. Vincent favored asking the company if they wished to withdraw their offer for a rivetted bridge.

The Mayor—I think we ought to refer this to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

Ald. Yates—Can't we deal with it tonight and authorize Your Worship to award the contract for the pin bridge? The people are becoming tired of this dilly-dallying.

It was finally decided to refer the communication to the committee.

S. Duck complained of the bad condition of Herald street, near Government. Referred to the city engineer for report.

H. J. Knott, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, on behalf of the organization, urged that the council endeavor to secure in its proposed legislation a clause prohibiting games, etc., in public parks on Sunday. Referred to the committee on charter.

H. F. Knott offered filling for the causeway at fifty cents per cubic yard. Referred to the city engineer for report.

G. Potter, of the Lion saloon, asked that the surface drains in the vicinity of his place be improved. Referred to the city engineer, with power to act.

E. E. Wescott, president, and M. Whittington, secretary, of the Spring Ridge Methodist Epworth League, protested against granting the Victoria Terminal railway an extension of time, unless the latter agree to run no trains on Sunday. Laid on the table, to be dealt with when the by-law is considered.

E. North again drew attention to the fact that no sidewalk hadbeen constructed on Victoria Crescent. The work was necessary and should be done. Besides the Mayor had promised to attend to the matter.

The Mayor pointed out that the matter had been before the council, but the finance committee had reported that they coudn't see their way clear to have the work done. Received and filed, and writer to be informed that the matter had been already dealt with by the streets committee.

Robt. Mowat demanded compensation for damages sustained to his premises on Cadboro Bay road, owing to the bad state of the drain at the corner of Fernwood and Cadboro Bay roads. To the city solicitor for report.

Mrs. M. R. Smith also wrote about the bad condition of a drain. This one was on Dallas road, opposite her cottage. Referred to city engineer, with power to act.

W. W. Northcott, returning officer, submitted a list of applicants for position of deputy returning officer at the forthcoming election and referendum balloting. The council then proceeded to ballot for the five necessary deputies, the election resulting in the following appointments: Messrs. Beaven, Geo. Maynard, Glover, Bell and Walkley. The balloting occupied just half an hour.

The special committee on the investigation of D. McIntosh's claim for damages recommended that he be given $200 in compensation, including the sum of $46 now in the treasury, and not accepted by the claimant. It is understood Mr. McIntosh will accept this amount. The report was adopted, and Mr. McIntosh will get his $200.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of $3,660.07 out of the current revenue for the usual purpose. Adopted.

The Mayor, in regard to finances, said that some time ago he had written to J. H. Turner respecting the consolidation of the city's loans. Subsequently he received a visit from a Capt. Inman, who presented a letter of introduction from Mr. Turner. He obtained full information about the loans from the auditor, and stated he would consult the brokers on the subject. To-day the following letter had been received from Captain Inman:

Re Consolidated Loans.

Dear Mr. Mayor:—Since I arrived in London from British Columbia I have had an opportunity of discussing a scheme for the consolidation of the loans of the city of Victoria with one of our leading firms here. You will remember that I received the particulars of these loans from yourself and the treasurer, together with the law upon the subject, and you were good enough to say that, when I submitted a scheme, it should receive serious consideration.

My friends here called my attention to the fact that most of the loans are long dated ones, and there is always a difficulty in getting in long-dated bonds, unless, of course, exceptional conditions are offered, but they agree with me that it is probable these loans would come in in course of time and moreover that the consolidation and consequent stock quotation would be a distinct advantage to the city of Victoria.

They point out, however, that the formation of such a scheme would require some time to put into shape, and suggest that I should obtain a letter from you or the chairman of the finance committee, inviting me to submit a scheme with the promise that such scheme would have favorable consideration and treatment.

I therefore ask whether you will be kind enough to do this, in order to place the business upon a formal basis, but with no intention upon my part of seeking a commission or remuneration for any scheme I may propose, and which may prove abortive. J. INMAN.

This important matter was referred to the finance committee for report.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee recommended the following:

Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having considered the undermentioned subjects beg to recommend the following for the adoption of the council, namely:

Re communication of Geo. F. Waites, requesting the improvement of Gotham street. Recommended that this work be done at an early date. Estimated cost, $49.

Re the extension of drain on Baronet street to Leighton road, as per communication of D. H. Bale. Recommended that the work be done. Estimated cost, $12.

Re petition of Bert B. Hall et al, asking that a culvert be put in on Oak Bay avenue to connect with Amphion street. Recommended that the work be done. Estimated cost, $20.

Re communication of Edward North, requesting sidewalk on the south side of Victoria Crescent. Recommended that the work be done if funds are available. Estimated cost, $99.

Your committee would recommend that the following be deferred, viz.:

The construction of sidewalks on the east side of Dudley avenue, between Oak Bay avenue and Leighton road; Mary street, east side, from Esquimalt road northerly; Oak Bay avenue, between Dudley avenue and Hulton street.

The laying of a surface drain on Pemberton road, as per communication of W. E. Fisher. The surfacing of Fisguard street, between Government and Douglas streets, as per communication of W. H. Jones.

The laying of a surface drain, etc., on Belcher avenue, as per communication of A. McInnes. The laying of a box drain on Henry street, as per communication of E. Kermode.

The renewal of the sidewalk on the east side of Harrison street, between Pandora street and Cadboro Bay road, as per communication of H. J. Knott.

The acceptance of the offer of J. Rostein of rock from a lot on corner of Courtney and Government streets.

The following recommendations are also made by your committee, namely:

That a box drain be laid down on Government street to connect with Henry street, as per communication of F. A. Babington, if funds are available. Estimated cost, $45.

That the recommendation of the city engineer as contained in his report of the 22nd inst., in regard to the joint letter of the Marine Iron Works Co., Ltd., the Albion Iron Works Co., Ltd., and the B. C. Marine Ry. Co., Ltd., in regard to tenders for Point Ellice bridge, be adopted.

That the matter of the claim of D. McIntosh be deferred, pending a report from the special committee appointed to inquire into the matter.

That the petitioners in the matters of the condition of Superior street, and the relation of the corporation to the Tramway Company, be supplied with a copy of the Tramway Company's letter upon the subject, and informed that the statements therein contained are endorsed by the city engineer.

That the city solicitor's report of the 15th day of December (in regard to applications to alter the city map by sub-divisions) addressed to the city engineer, be kept on file in the engineer's office for his information and guidance.

That all cheques received in connection with the tenders submitted for the construction of the steel bridge superstructure be returned, excepting those which accompanied the two lowest tenders.

This report was adopted.

The formal motion of Ald. Yates seconded by Ald. Cameron, regarding the municipal elections, was then put and carried.

Ald. McCandless moved the following, seconded by Ald. Grahame:

Whereas a large amount of the money borrowed for the reclamation of the James Bay flats is still unexpended, with no immediate prospect of the work being continued;

And whereas there is in the city at the present time a considerable number of unemployed men who could be profitably engaged in the completion of the above work;

Therefore be it resolved, That the engineer be requested to report as soon as possible on the best method of filling in a strip at least 100 feet wide adjoining the retaining wall, so that the present bridge can be removed and a permanent roadway built, in accordance with the original design, with a view of furnishing employment to a number of men during the present winter.

Ald. McCandless said he thought it desirable that the work should be done at once so that the bridge could be removed and the roadway completed for next season's traffic. If the dredge came down there would be enough work for it to do besides that contemplated in this motion.

Ald. Grahame held a similar view.

Ald. Williams wanted some light as to where the material was to be obtained.

Ald. McCandless replied that the engineer would give that information.

Mayor Hayward reminded the council that although there was some money unexpended, the cost of the work was estimated on a basis of eighteen cents per cubic yard, the figure quoted by the Seattle Dredging Company. He thought it would be folly to waste a lot of money just for the sake of giving half a dozen men work.

Ald. McCandless reminded the Mayor that the question of finances wasn't considered so seriously when $7,000 was expended on the wall extension on Belleville street.

Ald. Kinsman was of the opinion that it would cost too much if done by carts. If they couldn't get the King Edward the best plan would be to accept the Seattle offer of eighteen cents per yard. The city engineer might look into the matter.

Ald. Cameron was of the opinion that a wall on each side of the roadway will be found necessary.

Alds. Yates and Kinsman pointed out that the original map showed a wall on the inside. The motion was carried, after which the council adjourned.

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The programme for the concert in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church this evening has been altered somewhat. Some of those originally intended to take part in the entertainment have found it impossible to be present. The object of the concert is to assist in providing funds to meet the interest upon the church mortgage. The complete programme to be given will be as follows:

PART I.

Organ—Prelude et Marcia.....A. H. Brown
G. Jennings Burnett.
Solo—It Is Enough (Elijah)...Mendelssohn
Herbert Taylor.
Solo—With Verdure Clad (Creation)..Haydn
Miss Jeanne McAlpine.
Violoncello—Nocturne in A Minor .... Burgmuller
B. Urquhart Jackson.
Duet—Graceful Consort (Adam and Eve) ..... Haydn
Miss Jeanne McAlpine and Herbert Taylor.
Intermission.

PART II.

Solo—Nazareth .... Gounod
Herbert Taylor.
Organ—(a) O Star of Eve (Tannhauser) .... Wagner
(b) Pastorale ..... Wely
G. Jennings Burnett.
Duet—The Widow and the Prophet (Elijah) ..... Mendelssohn
Miss Jeanne McAlpine and Herbert Taylor.
Organ—Grand Offertoire .. Lefebure-Wely
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THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

The Colonist is mistaken. The Times is not afraid of the people of Victoria. But we do distrust Mayor Hayward. We know his tricks and his manners; we know he feels that if the properly qualified electors of Victoria have their way he will be defeated at the coming elections; and we also know in order to secure the Mayor's chair for another year, and all the honors and emoluments which go therewith, he is not above resorting to just such an artifice as caused the Colonist to be given precedence over all other creditors of the exhibition association. Therefore it is that we protest against the stuffing of the voters' list by His Worship, and we shall continue to protest despite the disinterested remarks of the subsidised organ of Mayor Hayward.

If it were thoroughly understood that practically every British subject, male or female, over twenty-one years of age, is qualified under the latest revised version of the Municipal Clauses Act to vote for Mayor and Aldermen, the Times would have no objection to the enlargement of the lists in accordance with that interpretation. Were such a latitudinarian view to prevail, and the name of every British subject over twenty-one years of age resident in the city to be placed on the list, the defeat of the Mayor would be more complete even that it promises to be. But the Legislature never contemplated such a liberal interpretation of the law. The advisers of the majority of Victoria households are endowed with consciences and they feel they cannot recommend the inmates of their establishments to break even the spirit of the law. That is where Mayor Hayward has the advantage under the present rather ambiguous statute. He has no scruples. He would reign, legally or illegally. But a way will be found of testing the claims to votes of those who are suspected of having no right to the insertion of their names in the lists.

The declaration published in these columns last night was not the very latest required to be taken by householders who aspire to the franchise. It is as follows:

I do solemnly declare that I am a British subject and of the full age of twenty-one years, that I was residing within the limits of the municipality of the city of Victoria on the 1st day of January last, and have continuously resided in said municipality since said day, and that the premises used by me as a licensed holder, or the dwelling occupied by men as a householder, is situated.....in the.....ward in the said municipality, and that I have paid all municipal rates, taxes, rentals, assessments and license-fees, payable by me (which are not chargeable on land); and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act, 1893.

We say that under the interpretation given the law by the acts of Mayor Hayward every inmate of a household over twenty-one years of age is eligible to have his or her name placed upon the voters' lists. That this is a distorted interpretation there cannot be the slightest doubt.

GREATEST SWINDLERS OF THIS OR ANY AGE.

The gay population of Paris is never happy unless it is in the midst of a sensation, either of a sanguinary, a social, a political, or a criminal character. The Humberts have provided the Parisians with such a cause of animation that it was necessary to call out troops to prevent an outbreak of the excited populace which might have ended in either violence to or the release of the prisoners. Who are the Humberts, and what is the nature of the crime of which they are accused? We are a long distance from the scene of the operations of the criminals, and it is extremely likely but few people have followed the details of the case. Interest has been aroused by the arrest of the fugitives in Madrid and the eclat of their entry into Paris, and a synopsis of the principal chapters of the story of the crime may be considered worthy of perusal.

Some 25 years ago, in the town of Toulouse, France, a family known as the d'Aurignacs kept an antiquity shop, a French edition of the old curiosity shop. One day, the story goes, an American millionaire, Robert Henry Crawford, was passing along the street when a plate glass window fell from a store near by, injuring the man of wealth. Fortunately for the d'Aurignacs, he was carried into their shop. His wounds were attended to by a blooming daughter of the house, Mlle. Therese, but in spite of her care and attention, he died. Before he expired, however, he made a will, leaving, as a proof of his gratitude, his enormous fortune to the sweet Therese. This was the beginning of the fraud. There was no accident, no millionaire, and no fortune, but that did not signify.

The late Robert Henry Crawford had conveniently left his immense fortune in the possession of his lucky heiress in the shape of a bundle of bonds and securities, worth, it was declared, no less than $20,000,000. She was about to cut the string and enter into possession when two nephews of the deceased put in an appearance, and claimed the estate for themselves and for a younger sister of Mlle. Therese, Mlle. Marie d'Aurignac. The nephews contended that they had a subsequent will, which changed the disposition of the property. Thereupon the precious bundle of bonds was, according to the French law, locked up in a safe, sealed and secured against all interference, while a long and involved process of law was begun to decide who were the rightful heirs. As there was no Robert Henry Crawford, so he had no nephews, and the suit was entered in the name of persons who had no existence.

But the litigation was a gold mine to the d'Aurignacs. They became immediately social stars of the first magnitude. Both sides of the great lawsuit, represented by the sisters Therese and Marie, were instantly in command of almost unlimited financial resources. Suitors were not lacking. Therese married Frederic Humbert, son of the Minister of Justice in the French Cabinet. The groom had at one time been a member of the Chamber of Deputies from the Department of the Seine. The Humberts lived on the strength of the bride's prospective wealth in the style of multi-millionaires.

On the Avenue de la Grand Armee, the most charming thoroughfare of Paris, the Humberts acquired an imposing residence, placing in its strong vault the safe containing the precious bonds. For greater security the windows were protected by heavy iron bars, so that the house resembled a safety deposit institution. Everything that could give outward reality to the concealed fraud was added. The place was watched and guarded as though it were a diamond mine. The happy possessors of this concealed treasure had no difficulty in securing credit until the courts had decided who were the legal proprietors. Even if the case went against the Humberts they were still to be wealthy, because the will set up by the alleged nephews conceded them an annuity of $72,000 a year for life. Thus the scheme was evolved whereby the sum of $15,000,000 was borrowed during a long course of years from money-lending Europe.

At last it occurred to some of the creditors, who were becoming tired of waiting for their money, that it would be an excellent idea to open the safe and reassure themselves as to its contents. There had been rumors that all was not right, but the public had put them aside with incredulity. The bankers, however, obtained the permission of the court for an inspection of the bonds and other valuables pledged to them. The scrutiny took place on May 9th of this year. The safe was solemnly opened in the presence of the judicial tribunal. The Humberts and the d'Aurignacs absented themselves.

The safe was found to contain absolutely nothing of value. There were no bonds or securities. A large diamond brooch proved to be of paste, and worth about $2. There were a few worthless shares in gold mines which have passed out of existence. The whole remarkable swindle was, to the astonishment of the world, laid bare. The participants had vanished completely, and for months no traces could be found of them. Finally a few days ago the entire family was arrested in Madrid.

Householders and licenseholders should not forget that to-morrow will be the last day on which they will have the opportunity to register and qualify themselves as voters in the municipal elections.

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The Colonist, discussing the latest phase of the municipal campaign as revealed by the plans of the Mayor to manufacture voters, says "a newspaper that shows fear of the wives and children of the men voters is not likely to gain much sympathy for its candidate." It is not a question of fear at all. It is a matter of right and wrong. If a man's wife and children are entitled to the municipal franchise, although living in the same establishment as the head of the house and dependent upon his income for subsistence, the claim has never before been advanced. It has remained for a great interpreter of the law like Mayor Hayward to discover that important fact. But if it develops that a deliberate attempt is to be made to smother the will of the electors of Victoria by stuffing the voters' lists with bogus names, we believe it will not be necessary to resort to law to prevent the unscrupulous from profiting by the fraud. The people will resent the wrong it is proposed to inflict upon them.

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There are now four daily newspapers in Vancouver. The Ledger was added to the list on Monday last. It is issued at midday. The Terminal City people may now have their news at all hours of the day. How the four papers will earn a livelihood is one of the mysteries into which we are not permitted to inquire. The Ledger is rather antiquated in form, but the first number is well filled up with news. In Dominion politics the new journal says it will be Conservative. On provincial questions it is rather non-committal, but seems inclined to side with the present government. We wish the stranger every success, but it will take energy and something else to achieve it in a field that is so limited and is apparently already so well filled.

You must register immediately if you desire to vote at the municipal elections. To-morrow will be the last day on which the opportunity will be open.

DEVELOPING COAL FIELDS.

The New Company Are Opening Another Shaft at Nanaimo on Newcastle Island.

The Western Fuel Company, of San Francisco, which has only recently acquired the Nanaimo coal fields, are apparently intending to institute a vigorous policy at that city. A new shaft is to be sunk on Newcastle Island for the purpose of developing that portion of the property. The tenders for the sinking of it are all to be in by January 6th. It is expected that a depth of about 300 feet will be required.

At present there is a shaft on Newcastle Island near the outer shore at Kanaka Bay. It has been used for ventilation purposes, being connected with the workings of Protection Island. Within the past year the connection between the Protection Island workings and those of No. 1 shaft in the city of Nanaimo have been developed so as to allow of the coal being taken out from the Island workings by means of the latter. This practically did away with using the bunkers on Protection Island.

The new shaft on Newcastle will be situated on the inner side of the Island, opposite Newcastle district. It will connect with the other Newcastle shaft at Kanaka Bay, and from these two shafts the whole field of about 500 acres of Newcastle coal will worked. The coal will be hoisted at the new shaft and shipped from a wharf to be constructed in the little bay opposite the Pink Un, which will avoid the necessity of extending the wharves into the channel and thereby permit the largest vessels calling at Nanaimo to enter by Departure Bay, turn in the channel after loading, and leave by the same way without passing through the harbor.

There are two seams of coal in the Newcastle field. During this next week two shifts of men will be put to work in the present Newcastle shaft to open up levels.

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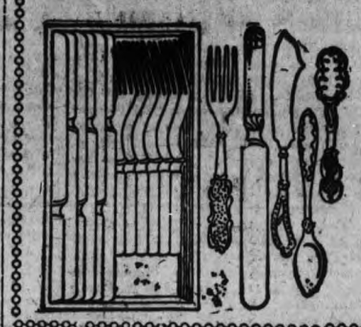
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PLEASANT EVENING.

Enjoyable Entertainment at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home.

Another delightful evening was spent at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt road, last night, the occasion being a Christmas tree entertainment by the Sunday school which has been organized in connection with the institution.

The doors were thrown open about 5 o'clock, and the little people enjoyed the freedom of the building until 6 p.m., when tea was served. There was no charge for admission, nor collection taken, the affair taking the shape of a sort of basket social. The parents of the scholars and the friends of the parents—especially the lads in His Majesty's uniform—were invited, and a goodly number of these several classes assembled. After tea informal enjoyment prevailed until 8 o'clock, when a programme by the children was rendered. Chaplain Rev. J. P. Hicks introduced F. J. Bailey, superintendent of the school, as chairman for the evening, and the latter gentleman discharged the duties of that office in a very efficient manner. Miss Agnes McLeod, secretary, read a most encouraging report, showing that the school, which was organized in August last, had already doubled in membership, and included several service men as members of the Bible class. Miss McLeod also gave a recitation, and Miss Beatrice Harris a reading. The rest of the programme was the work of the children solely. Lillian Giffin, Lizzie Rowe and Lily Bailey, and Masters Fred, Tom and Ted Bailey, Vincent Hicks, Leslie and Willie Giffin, Georgie Morgan, Willie Mesher and J. McLeod, gave recitations and dialogues in fine style; Willie Giffin and Johnnie McLeod also sang solos, while several carols, etc., were sung by the children in unison. The audience was greatly pleased, and a most enthusiastic vote of thanks was carried, and conveyed to Miss Giffin and Mrs. Rowe, who had trained the children so well; it was a programme of real merit, some said of excellence. Mrs. Rowe replying to the vote, gave almost the entire credit to Miss Giffin, but this drew from that unassuming young lady her "maiden" speech in the form of a modest protest, that the help of Mrs. Rowe had been of much value. Mr. Goodchild, in supporting the vote, said he had seldom if ever heard a better entertainment by children.

The chairman then asked Rev. J. P. Hicks to distribute the prizes to those who had repeated correctly the golden text at each Sunday since August, and these were Miss Lizzie Rowe, Masters Fred Bailey, Ted Bailey, Vincent Hicks, Lily Giffin and Tom Bailey. The presents from the Christmas tree were then distributed by Mr. Giffin, assisted by Corp. Gidlow, R.E. There was again a breathing spell for chit chat, followed by a spontaneous programme by some of the adults present, which included amusing recitations by Mr. Lockwood, of the Royal Engineers, and Mr. Giffin, and a song by Mr. Herbert Giffin. Much of the success of the treat for the children was due to Messrs. Haddrel, Watson, Foster and petty officers of H. M. S. Shearwater, who before the ship left for her present cruise handed $10 to the superintendent of the school as their contribution to the Christmas gathering, in which they could take no part except in spirit. When this was stated last night a warm feeling of appreciation was expressed.

Mr. Hicks announced at the close of the meeting that a watch night service would be held in the building on Wednesday, commencing at 11 o'clock.

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FROM OSTRICH TO HAT.

How the Plumes Attain Their Apotheosis of Woman's Headgear.

An ostrich plume passes through nearly as many hands before reaching its apotheosis on a woman's head as a pair of shoes in its evolution from the hide to the completed product. The crude feather growing on the bird is as unlike its brilliant, softly waving self of the retail counter, both in hue and texture, as an egg in the nest is unlike an omelet aux fines herbes.

The part that women play in this evolution is naturally considerably. There is nothing more distinctly feminine than a duffy, foamy ostrich tip, except it be a bit of real lace, and either will warm the cockles of the average woman's heart to about an equal extent. Well, out in California (which seems to be a sort of national headquarters for the ostrich industry) there are big factories where hundreds of women are employed at dressing the feathers. Many are French girls, for a French woman's knack at most things calling for manual dexterity stands her in good stead in this occupation. They wash, dye, steam, piece and curl the feathers, and sometimes they end by wearing them, too, for many of the processes call for considerable skill and experience, and a hand gets good wages.

With the raising of the feathers for the market women are not much concerned, and anyone who has visited an ostrich farm will readily see the reason why. A full-grown bird averages 250 pounds in weight. Its spindle shanks of legs are terminated by wicked, three-pronged feet, and its kick—it kicks out in front, instead of behind—will kill a man. John T. Millen, who is in charge of a farm on the Jersey coast, says he has seen an ostrich kill a horse. The ostrich struck the horse in the side, breaking four of its ribs at one blow, and the unhappy animal lived only an hour after the attack.

People who, like Mr. Millen, enjoy the acquaintance of an extensive circle of ostriches in various parts of the world, such as South Africa, California, Arizona, the Riviera and Abyssinia, claim for them that they are not so silly as they look. This is saying a good deal. A troop of ostriches has little dignity and less beauty. The males are black, the females a dull mouse color, and both alike are shabby, dishevelled and dissipated looking birds. Their gait is a cross between a mince and a stalk, and altogether affected. This sense of the affectation of the ostrich is increased when it draws itself up to its full height and looks at a person. Then only a camel can look sillier or more affected or more contemptuous.

The ostrich is of an inquiring turn of mind. It seems to be one of its chief aims in life to survey mankind from China to Peru, and not only mankind, but all phenomena, whether of animate or inanimate nature. To this end it pecks at the border of a parasol; nibbles the brim of a hat, explores masculine pockets with a buccaneering spirit and sometimes plucks at a random nose or ear when the owner thereof is looking the other way. The fact is, it is dying of curiosity. It wants to investigate things worse than a special commissioner ever did, and nothing will suffice but a personal examination.

Besides being inquisitive, the ostrich is friendly in disposition. Where it is used to being handled and petted it is pre-eminently social. When a big bird confronts one, stretching up its squirming, snake-like neck as high as it will go, and fixing one in its wide, unwinking, impassive stare, it is almost more than one can do to keep from laughing in its face. Not that the ostrich would mind that at all. It would continue to stare for several minutes more with its mild, innocent gaze, until, its attention arrested, perhaps by a particularly inviting pebble or scrap of newspaper, it would suddenly drop all concern in one. Afterward one would recall that its eyes were large and of a luminous brown; that their expression was tender, and a little wistful, and that when it winked the lower lid met the upper half way cross the pupil. The ostrich's ears are little, woolly affairs, lying flat against its head.

Ostriches are plucked for the plumage every nine months. The birds are taken one at a time, and after being blindfolded, are driven into a V-shaped inclosure. Then the plucking begins. While one man banks him up from the rear to hold him still, another, operating also from the rear in order to avoid kicks, swiftly goes through the plumage, picking out the mature feathers with a straight pull—no twist, or he would destroy the blood-vessels at the root of the feather—and neatly nipping with a pair of shears those that are just ripe. The attendants affirm positively that the plucking does not hurt, but certainly the birds are very restive under the process, and do not appear to enjoy it. The plucking concludes with a daub of red paint, administered to the naked neck of the bird, to distinguish it from the unplucked fellows.

Three months later the unplucked bird will be caught again and all the stumps of his feathers pulled out. Then the new feathers will have a chance to push up without danger of mutilation.—New York Tribune.

WATER FOR THE HOLY CITY.

Modern Conveniences Are Being Introduced Into Jerusalem.

It seems somewhat incongruous to speak of Jerusalem as a progressive city, yet there seems every reason to believe that it will in another 10 years be a far more attractive place so far as creature comforts are concerned than it ever has been in modern times at any rate. During 1900-1 there was so great a scarcity of rain that the city was threatened with a water famine, and the necessary supply of drinking water was only gained at great trouble and cost, but this stirred the municipality into forwarding a petition to the Porte praying that a portion of certain revenues accruing from religious endowments might be applied to provide the city with water. The result of this was that the old stone aqueduct known as Solomon's aqueduct was made use of for a part of the way, while for the rest a service of pipes was provided. It is noteworthy that, albeit no advertisement was issued, a German firm had obtained the order and signed the contract for pipes made in Belgium at 94 cents the meter before a British firm offered them at 82 cents.—Exchange.

Editor—There was genuine, genial warmth in that poem you submitted.

Long-Haired One—I wish now I had made more of it.

Editor—So do I; it would have burned longer.

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—Free! Free! Free! To be given away a double gold Eagle, or in other words a $20 gold piece, at the City band's dance in A. O. U. W. hall, New Year's eve. Forget it not. Ladies, 25c; gents, 50c. *

—The police commissioners in Nanaimo, who have inmvestigated the charges laid against Constable Thompson, of that city's force, have found that they were unfounded, and have declared the police officer innocent of any misconduct

—The five Indians who were apprehended yesterday in an intoxicated condition came before the police magistrate this morning. They were each fined $5 and costs. A number of boys who had been implicated in breaking windows in James Bay were set at liberty after being reprimanded and agreeing to repair all damages. Thos. O'Brien, a drunk, was also fined for celebrating the holiday season.

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—To-morrow is the last day upon which license holders and householders intending to vote at the next municipal elections may register. The office of W. W. Northcott, at the city hall, will be open from 7 to 9 to-morrow evening for the final reception of names. During the past week or two there has been a good number register. The final day will likely see a large addition to those already on the list.

—The Protectorate wish to acknowledge the following donations, and the boys thank all those who so kindly remembered them during the festive season: Mrs. Lubbe, turkey; Mrs. Geiger, apples and pears; Mr. Sere, apples; Mr. Fell, figs and bon-bons; Mrs. Patton, cake, corn starch and nuts; Mr. Baines, candy; Mrs. Allen, cake and nuts; Miss McDowell, roast of beef; Mrs. McTiernan, cake and $1; Mrs. Silver, underwear.

—Fred Miller, one of the old pioneers of the province, died on Sunday last in his cabin on Pendray street. He complained of being ill and died shortly after the arrival of Constable O'Leary and Dr. Carter. Mr. Miller came out here, it is understood, with the Royal Engineers in the early days, and has lived in this city ever since. Of late years he has been engaged as a tailor. He was about 65 years of age. His funeral took place this afternoon, from Hanna's undertaking rooms.

—The A. O. U. W. hall was the scene of unrestrained pleasure and gayety last evening, the occasion being the annual ball given under the auspices of the members of Mrs. Lester's dancing academy. In order to give a tinge of novelty to the dance as many as possible of the young ladies were attired in dainty Japanese kimonos, and the hall was decorated in such a manner as to give it a distinctly Oriental appearance. It would be difficult to imagine a prettier picture than that made by the unique costumes, the harmonious decorations and the numerous but subdued electric lights. The floor was in first class condition, and the music, as rendered by the Selby-Bantly orchestra, was all that could be desired. The supper room was gaily decorated and brilliantly lighted. The committee in charge—Messrs. Kenneth Hughes, Fred Smith, Ed. Townsley, Frank Clark and Herbert Leiser—deserve every praise for the faultless management of everything necessary to the success of the function.

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—The remains of the late J. M. McDonald, the commercial traveller who died at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital last week, were interred at Winnipeg yesterday.

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A FEASIBLE ROUTE.

Survey Party Find a Railway Possible From Cowichan to Alberni.

Dennis Harris, C. E., who has returned after making a survey for a feasible route from Cowichan Lake to Alberni, will, it is fully believed, report favorably to the government upon the possibility of such. He is now engaged in preparing his report for presentation to the government, under whom the survey was made.

The party which Mr. Harris had charge of have had three months' difficult work in the interior of the Island. Snow was encountered, which hindered the party considerably in their work.

Starting in the vicinity of the Nitinat Pass an attempt was made to find a practical railway route to Cowichan Lake. The snow met with prevented this being completed. The continuation of the route from Nitinat to Alberni canal occupied the rest of the time. This was accomplished, and the terminus of the route reached at Stamp Harbor.

Pending a report being made to the government, the details of the surveyed line are not obtainable. A large part of the country through which the party travelled was heavily wooded. These forests were very dense in many places. Indications of rich mineral wealth were also to be seen in the cuttings made by the streams and in outcroppings encountered. A railway through this country would thus open up rich resources in lumber and minerals.

The construction of the road would not be nearly as expensive, it is believed, as many of those opened in other parts of the province.

THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS.

"Sandy Bottom" Last Night Was Creditably Given—"The Telephone Girl" This Evening.

The melodrama "Sandy Bottom," given last evening in the Victoria theatre, was quite up to expectations. The play is not lacking in incident and there is an abundance of fine work in it which appeals strongly to the gallery. The principals in the cast of characters did their work very creditably, and were supported quite as well as is usual with such presentations. A quartette of singers composed of Maurice Wish, A. Jones, W. S. Saunders and Ed. Allen, appeared several times, giving satisfaction.

"The Telephone Girl."

"The Telephone Girl" will be seen at the Victoria theatre to-night. It is adapted to all tastes, and therein lies its continued popularity. It is one of the jolliest, most irresistably comical and unique entertainments at present on the boards. Joe Kane, who enacts the principal role, Hans Nix, an eccentric German, won favorable comment for his work as the "polite lunatic" in "The Belle of New York." Among other members of the company are Edith Valmaseda, who is the Estelle; James S. Devlin and Pearl Revare, the dancing wonders; Mamie Keogh, comedienne; George Ebner, comedian; Alf. Holt, mimic; and Jethro Warner, Milton Dawson, Ruby Marion, Ruth Jordan, Lillian Bernard and Maud Courtnet.

"The Princess Chic."

Referring to "The Princess Chic," to be seen here to-morrow evening and New Year's afternoon and night, the Tacoma Ledger says: "In point of fine voices, well trained choruses, shapely forms and handsome faces; in brightness, dash and rollicking humor—in fact, everything that goes to make a comic opera a success and an enjoyment, the peer of 'The Princess Chic' company, appearing at the Tacoma last evening, has not yet visited this city. That such a favorable opinion was not restricted to the press critics was amply testified by the enthusiastic appreciation that encored practically every song in the most musical score, in instances even to the fifth and sixth recall."

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THE COMPETITION IN ORIENTAL TRADE

Representative of Manchester Manufacturing Firm Makes Personal Investigation.

To investigate trade relations as they exist in the Orient at present has been the principal object of a tour of the world made by a passenger representing the big manufacturing firm of C. E. Samuels & Company, who arrived here on the steamer Glenogle this morning. Business with China has been so dull of late that the firm were under the impression that the depression was due to competition from the Americans. In order to satisfy themselves on the actual condition of affairs the firm sent Mr. Kenneth Waterhouse to the Orient. He is now on his way home from a ten months' tour, and has come this way in order to see his brother Frank Waterhouse, the well known steamship operator of Seattle.

Seen aboard the steamer this morning, Mr. Waterhouse said that he found that the demoralized state of the exchange in China was at the bottom of the whole trouble. To illustrate this fact he mentioned that Shanghai, the great distributing point of the Far East, was glutted with goods. There was a million and a half tons of print goods, cotton, etc., in stock, and there was practically little sale. When it is remembered that China only takes about two million tons of these goods a year it was not difficult to see how trade had been congested. Chinamen, said Mr. Waterhouse, are great gamblers, and until they settle down to business again there is not much hope of trade improving. But things will right themselves shortly, and he considers that another four or five months will see the market in a much better shape.

Manufacturers of the United States, says Mr. Waterhouse, cannot compete with those of Manchester. They have an advantage over the Manchester exporter in one line of twills, but this is only a minor factor in the whole volume of the business done. In prints and in shirting the English houses would continue to hold the trade notwithstanding that in some instances transportation rates from New York to China via the Suez canal is cheaper than that from England to Shanghai. Last year the rate from England was 25 shillings as compared with 20 shillings from New York. This gave the Americans a certain advantage, but in other respects they were handicapped. They cannot manufacture as fine a class of prints as are produced in Manchester, added Mr. Waterhouse, and for this reason their competition has not yet shut out English goods in China except in a very limited way.

While in China Mr. Waterhouse visited Tientsin, and found that port closed to navigation. Winter had set in and ice debarred all vessels from entering port. On the trip to China a stay was made at Madras, in India, where the firm also have large interests. It was in April last when Mr. Waterhouse was there, and he thinks ere this time business conditions throughout India will have greatly improved. In the course of a very short time it is the opinion of Mr. Waterhouse that trade with the Orient will be revolutionized by the great Siberian railway. Mail, he thinks, will be sent to Europe from China by that connection, and passengers, homeward bound, will take that route in preference to the American one.

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The results of the High school entrance examinations just issued are most gratifying to Victoria educationists, showing that nearly fifty per cent. of the candidates here were successful. Out of sixty-nine, thirty-three passed, which is the top liner record for the province this year. Vancouver's percentage was only twenty, the schools there passing twenty-one out of one hundred and ten candidates. Nelson leads the province.

The publication of these results will remove a great weight from many a young mind. Of all ordeals the pupils have to experience the High school entrance test is the most critical, and the one on which the greatest interest centres. The change in the time of the examinations which necessitates a change in the time of announcement of the results undoubtedly robs some of the youngsters of a portion of the enjoyment which they should derive from the first week or so of their holidays. The momentous question, "Will I pass?" is over before them, and the period of suspense is perhaps as trying as the knowledge that they have failed. If the discerning observer can find a glimmer of humor in every incident in life, he can if he tries discover a shadow of pathos and not infrequently the shattering of many a bright hope, fondly cherished from the time of the examinations until the announcement of the results, has caused a little scenario in which tears play the most important part.

The summary follows:

	Candidates.	Passed.
Victoria Centre	69	33
Vancouver Centre	110	22
New Westminster Centre	20	5
Nanaimo Centre	42	15
Nelson Centre	12	10
Rossland Centre	14	1
Cumberland Centre	27	3
Vernon Centre	11	2
	305	91

The detailed list is as follows:

Victoria Centre.

Boys' School—Candidates, 9; passed, 4. Maximum marks, 1,200.
Aaronson, Bertie 688
Dack, Howard 676
Foot, Hamilton H. 619
Webster, David W. 610
Girls' School—Candidates, 21; passed, 13.
Sylvester, Ruby F. 802
Brown, Sadie 712
Aaronson, Hannah 693
Williams, Phyllis 693
Brown, Alice S. 689
Patterson, Annie 667
Wilson, Gwendoline 666
Dunn, Alice 663
Noble, Myrtle E. 663
More, Kate 657
Cassanave, Marie 638
Banfield, Pansy 636
Sherritt, Cora M. 620
North Ward School—Candidates, 19; passed, 11.
Gibson, Eveline 780
Anderson, Hazel 713
Freeman, Jennie 682
Kettle, Florence E. 674
Bone, Lena 662
Mellmoyl, Alma B. 662
Rowland, Matthew 662
Westwood, Beulah F. 654
Maynard, Katharine A. 636
Price, Harry 605
Harris, Edwin A. 601
South Park School—Candidates, 9; passed, 4.
Hanna, Marion A. 708
Irving, George C. 686
Mason, Eva E. 667
Redfern, Winifred V. 624
Victoria West School—Candidates, 3; passed, 1.
Monteith, Letitia M. 664
Cedar Hill—Candidates, 4; passed, 0.
Colwood—Candidates, 1; passed, 0.
Tolmie—Candidates, 1; passed, 0.
Private School—Candidates, 2; passed, 0.

Vancouver Centre.

Central School—Candidates, 11; passed, 1.
Grassie, Pearl 600
Dawson School (1st Division)—Candidates, 29; passed, 7.
Patton, Harold S. 838
Johnston, Daisy L. 658
McMillan, William P. 650
Macdonald, Jessie 644
Scantlebury, Lida 637
Howard, Ida 618
Millard, Eleanor O. 608
Dawson School (3rd Division)—Candidates, 18; passed, 4.
Dyke, Kathleen 868
Gordon, Vancouver 657
Mowat, Nora 624
Banfield, May 622
Fairview School—Candidates, 3; passed, 0.
Mount Pleasant School—Candidates, 15; passed, 5.
Wetheral, Claire 904
Brooking, Mabel M. 670
Pugh, Mary 649
Mitchell, Edith H. 646
Moodie, Victoria 621
Strathcona School—Candidates, 20; passed, 2.
Wallace, M. Wallace 600
Hesson, Helena M. 625
North Arm—Candidates, 3; passed, 0.
North Bend—Candidates, 2; passed, 0.
Port Kells, Candidates, 1; passed, 1.
Baynes, Caroline 714
West Burnaby—Candidates, 1; passed, 1.
Shepherd, Elsie W. 631
Whonnock—Candidates, 2; passed, 1.
Hodgson, Constance M. 600
Prairie—Candidates, 3; passed, 0.
Private School—Candidates, 2; passed, 0.

New Westminster Centre.

Boys' School—Candidates, 7; passed, 0.
Girls' School—Candidates, 9; passed, 4.
Wooster, Annie B. 697
Briggs, Naomi S. 676
Haggman, Olga D. 641
Eastman, Grace I. 600
Burnet—Candidates, 1; passed, 0.
Guilfside—Candidates, 2; passed, 0.
Port Moody—Candidates, 1; passed, 1.
Johnston, Adam S. 642

Nanaimo Centre.

Central School—Candidates, 18; passed, 10.
Manifold, Edith 764
Brown, Jane E. 745
Bray, William E. 698
Bate, Catherine E. 673
Gartley, Howard F. 649
Russell, Annie C. 647
Rowley, Sarah L. 613
Smith, Burness E. 612
Smith, Lillian 611
Murdock, Robert W. 605
Alexandria—Candidates, 5; passed, 0.
Cedar, South—Candidates, 5; passed, 1.
Thomas, Ivor 605
Extension—Candidates, 1; passed, 1.
Astori, Angelo 618
Ladysmith—Candidates, 6; passed, 0.
Parksville—Candidates, 5; passed, 3.
Rath, Lily 698
Rath, May 696
Hirst, Elizabeth A. 634
Wellington—Candidates, 5; passed, 0.

Nelson Centre.

Central School—Candidates, 12; passed, 10.
Richards, Paul 724
Lackey, Neille 719
Swannell, William 693
Holmes, John T. 690
MacKay, Irma 677
Loring, Frederic W. 660
Harris, Roy 648
McGregor, Pearl 643
Madigan, Irene 637
McVicar, Lottie 628

Rossland Centre.

Central School—Candidates, 14; passed, 1.
O'Hearn, Nita 665

Cumberland Centre.

Cumberland—Candidates, 17; passed, 3.
Denton, Arthur 640
Abrams, Edith I. 628
White, Mary E. 604
Comox—Candidates, 3; passed, 0.
Courtenay—Candidates, 4; passed, 0.
Puntledge—Candidates, 1; passed, 0.
Union Bay—Candidates, 2; passed, 0.

Vernon Centre.

Armstrong—Candidates, 2; passed, 0.
Lumby—Candidates, 2; passed, 0.
Otter Lake—Candidates, 1; passed, 0.
Okanagan Landing—Candidates, 2; passed, 1.
Haws, Bessie 671
Spallumcheen—Candidates, 4; passed, 1.
Graham, Donald 647

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Instead of the pupils receiving the customary Christmas presents they were this year given a practical lesson in the blessing of giving. A large boat was placed on the platform and the children deposited in it their gifts to the mission children at Ahousaht. These will be forwarded to that point by the management of the school.

The Lutheran clergy of Saxony have issued an order striking the name of the Crown Princess from public prayers.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICK MURPHY, DECEASED, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C.

Take notice that probate of the will of Patrick Murphy, dated the 4th September, 1891, and codicils dated respectively the 14th August, 1894, and the 1st November, 1898, who died at Kelseyville, California, on the 10th day of November, 1902, was this day granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Irving to Samuel Perry Mills and Joseph Austen Sayward, the executors therein named.

And take notice that, pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executors or to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of January, 1903, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria this 2nd day of December, 1902.

S. PERRY MILLS,
51 Langley Street, Victoria, B. C.,
Solicitor for the Executors.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to revise and consolidate the following Ordinances and Acts, viz.:

The Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867. The Victoria Municipal Amendment Ordinance, 1869, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Fire Companies Aid Ordinance, 1869, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The City of Victoria Official Map Act, 1880, and all subsequent amending and consolidating Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1873, and all subsequent amending Acts. The Waterworks Debenture Guarantee Act, 1874, and such sections and provisions of the General Municipal Clauses Acts of the Province as relate particularly to the government of the Municipality of the City of Victoria; also to amend the said Acts, by granting, among other things, to the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria power to pass by-laws for (among other things) any of the purposes, or any of the objects following, i. e.: To continue the existing Ward System, or to abolish the same; to provide, under certain conditions, for the inclusion of outlying districts in the City limits; to limit and define localities in which particular trades or businesses may be carried on; to regulate trades or businesses and the times of closing stores or shops, and to provide for Sunday closing; to prohibit or regulate trading by peddlers, hawkers, and petty chapmen; to erect public wharves and impose and collect tolls for the use thereof; to purchase, construct and operate gas and electric lighting and power and telephone systems; to adopt the existing sub-divisions of City lots and to regulate the further sub-divisions thereof; to administer oaths and examine witnesses under oath in civic enquiries; to enter into contracts extending over a period of years, to borrow money for specific purposes, giving as security the undertaking and guarantee of the City; to make provision for the placing of telephone, electric and other wires underground; to provide a fund for the insurance of civic buildings and property, and a fund for the superannuation of municipal officials and employees; to license clubs; to prohibit slaughter-houses within the city, or to prohibit and regulate existing slaughter-houses and cow-sheds or stables which may, in the opinion of the Council, be a nuisance; to regulate and prohibit the erection, removal and repairing of buildings and the pulling down of buildings erected, removed or repaired in contravention of any by-law; also to validate the existing by-laws of the City; to make provision for the qualifications of voters, the mode of election to civic offices, and the conduct of elections, and the use of voting machines, and to deal with disputed elections and offences at elections, and corrupt practices; to provide for the compulsory ejectment of persons having unlawfully encroached upon the streets or roadways; to provide for the acquisition of additional watersheds and means of increasing the water supply; to provide for the acquisition of additional railways and tramways wholly or partially running within the city; and also to provide for such other amendments, powers and authorities as may be necessary or expedient for the public welfare and the government of the City of Victoria.

Dated this fourth day of December, 1902.

J. M. BRADBURN,
Solicitor for the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Lenora Mount Sicker Copper Mining Company, Limited, Non-Personal Liability, and in the Matter of the Winding Up Act and Amending Acts.

The creditors of the above named Company are required on or before the 14th day of January, A. D., 1903, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts and claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to John Samuel Henry Matson, of the City of Victoria, the official liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said official liquidator, are, by their solicitors, to come in and prove their said debts and claims, at the Chambers of the Honorable Mr. Justice Drake, at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Tuesday, the 10th day of February, A. D., 1903, at 11 a. m., at the said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

Dated the 18th day of December, A. D., 1902.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
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NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the St. George's Hotel, Esquimalt road, Victoria, from Stephen Harold Roblin and Phillip Crombie to Hugh Simpson, of Esquimalt, British Columbia.

Dated this 5th day of November, 1902.

S. H. ROBLIN.
P. CROMBIE.

PINE CREEK POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The second annual general meeting of the shareholders of THE PINE CREEK POWER CO., LTD., will be held at the offices of A. L. BELYEA, K. C., No. 26 Board of Trade Building, Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C., at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the 8th day of January, 1903.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 19th day of December, A. D., 1902.

A. L. BELYEA,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the Ship Inn, Wharf street, in the said City of Victoria, from Maria Thomson and George Roberts, executrix and executor of the estate of George Thomson, deceased, to Carolina Ferando, of the City of Victoria.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1902.

MARIA THOMSON.
G. ROBERTS.
By their attorney in fact, Josept Loewen.

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Dated this 12th day of December, 1902.

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CHAPTER XVII.

The Spell Broken.

Basil had not gone more than a hundred yards beyond the garden gate before he pulled up suddenly with an exclamation of surprise. Swinging round a sharp bend in the road, two carriage lamps flashed out their light in front of a pair of horses.

"Well, I wonder what next?" Basil muttered to himself.

A brougham with a pair of horses attached was a sight for the gods in Penzolan.

"Parliamentary candidate, I should think, coming to solicit father's vote," he reflected. "Driven a distance, too, by the way the horses are steaming," and he stepped to the side of the road for the carriage to pass. The driver, seeing him, pulled up.

"Can you direct me to the house of John Pendarvis?" he said. "I think he lives 'bout here somewhere."

"When is the election, I wonder?" Basil said to himself, with a cynical smile. Then aloud: "It's just there, among the trees to your left. Stop at the first gate."

"Thank you," and the same moment the carriage window was dropped and a head appeared. "Is that you, Basil?" a voice called.

Basil started as though a ghost had suddenly appeared in front of him. He could not see the face, but he recognized the voice in a moment.

"Phil!" he exclaimed. "What—what—brings you here?"

"I came to see you. . . . Hold on, driver," and he pushed open the door and stepped into the road.

Basil grew hot all over with a strange sense of guilt and shame. And he pushed the packet containing the keys and his letters into his coat pocket.

"You are surprised to see me," Phil said, with a laugh. "I've been chuckling over the start I should give you all the way down."

"No, he can have no suspicion," Basil said to himself. "How can he?" Then aloud: "Well, I am surprised! I should as soon have thought of seeing the Prince of Wales."

"Well, the truth is—but it's too cold to talk here in the road. I suppose there's an inn of some kind here where I can put up?"

"Mother'll talk to you about an inn," Basil said with a laugh. "She's quite an adept at shakedowns." Then, turning to the driver, he said: "Drive on as far as the gate with the gentleman's luggage."

"If your mother can put me up without inconvenience, I shall be delighted," Phil said. "But I should be very sorry to be a trouble to her."

"It'll be no trouble; it'll be a pleasure," and then the two men followed the carriage in silence. Basil walked with his head down in deep thought. Phil's appearance meant what? One thing was clear; he would have to bear the almost intolerable burden of life a few days longer.

Phil was quick to see that there was very evident constraint in Basil's welcome; but he was careful not to appear to notice it. His own feeling was one of intense thankfulness at the discovery that his own gloomy fears were not realized.

Basil was more or less angry that he had been foiled. During the whole of the day he had taken a morbid pleasure in contemplating his own exit from the world. He had gloated over the idea as a murderer is supposed to gloat over the accomplishment of the deed. Now he had been checkmated, outwitted—not intentionally. Phil could not possibly have known. Nobody knew—nobody but himself.

He had put religion out of the reckoning years ago. His bohemian life as an artist had killed the faith of his childhood. At least, he believed it had.

Truth and honor and purity he believed in still, just as he believed in art and beauty. But the thing men called religion, the mummeries that went on in churches, the wrangles and quarrels about vestments and positions and niceties of doctrine; the blatant pharisaism that proclaimed its creed on the housetop, and broke all the Commandments in secret; the pretence of holiness that had worn itself into holes—

Well, like many another man who mistook the husk for the grain, he had come to the conclusion that the whole thing was a hypocritical show; and so when the depression that followed illness and disappointed love came upon him, he was left without support and without hope.

Basil pushed open the garden gate and led the way into the house. Phil followed close behind, and the driver with Phil's portmanteau brought up the rear.

John Pendarvis rose from his chair, pipe in hand, when the door was thrown open, while Mrs. Pendarvis came hurrying in from the back kitchen.

"What, back again already?" Then he caught sight of the others.

Basil explained matters in a few words. Mrs. Pendarvis's wrinkled face beamed.

"We feel very much honored, we do," she said; "an' you're welcome a thousand times."

"You are very kind," Phil said.

"No, don't say a word," John interposed. "Any man as has been a friend of our Basil is a friend to us; and nothing that we've got is too good for him."

Phil was almost overwhelmed with the warmth of his welcome, and felt that it fully atoned for Basil's lack of cordiality.

"We've finished our tea," said Mrs. Pendarvis, smiling all over her wrinkled face; "but we'll have somethin' for 'ee to eat in no time. You must be terrible hungry and perished with cold at the same time. Well, to think we should ever have seen our Basil's friend, Mr. Duncan!"

"I'm afraid your son has been giving me a better character than I deserve," Phil said with a laugh.

"Basil's talked 'bout you in his letters for years," John answered for her, and he piled more wood on the fire.

"Yes, sir, we seem to know you as if you was our own son," said Mrs. Pendarvis; and she began to set out the table afresh.

Basil took Phil's coat and rugs, and hurried with them into another room. Then he lighted a candle and led the way upstairs. "The front room," his mother called.

"All right," he answered. He knew what it meant. Phil was to have the room they occupied. Setting down the candle, he said: "Wait a moment and I'll fetch you some hot water. We keep no servant here."

"You're sure I am not upsetting your good folk?" Phil questioned.

"If you are, they enjoy being upset, that's all I can say."

Phil glanced round the primitive little room and smiled. The big four-post bed with its print "hangings" nearly filled it. But how clean everything was! How spotlessly white the toilet-covers and counterpane were, and how wonderfully draped with muslin was the tiny looking-glass!

Basil came back in a few minutes with a jug of boiling water.

"We don't dress for dinner here," he said, half banteringly.

"That's a comfort," Phil answered in the same tone.

"Don't you smell the ham rasher?" Basil questioned. "If you satisfy mother to-night, you'll be suffering from dyspepsia to-morrow."

"I'll take the risk," Phil answered, with his head in the wash-basin.

"Well, don't be needlessly long with your toilet," and Basil hurried downstairs.

Hunger is a good sauce, they say. Perhaps for that reason Phil found the Cornish ham and eggs and the clotted cream so delicious.

Basil constituted himself head waiter. Mrs. Pendarvis had her dairy to attend to, and John had to go out to see after the cattle.

Phil ate in silence till his hunger was pretty well satisfied. Basil asked him no questions, though he ached with curiosity. The silence was becoming almost painful. Then Phil raised his eyes suddenly and smiled.

"I know you are almost dying with curiosity," he said, "so I'll give over eating and talk."

"Don't stop eating on my account," Basil replied; "there's mother to be considered."

"I think she'll be satisfied," was the laughing answer, and he wheeled his chair towards the fire.

"The truth is, I wanted to see you on a matter of some importance. But I'd better begin at the beginning. The day before yesterday my doctor called to see me, and gave me what he called an overhauling. He does it periodically. Well, he didn't seem quite satisfied. You know I suffer from a chronically weak chest, and a bad cold I had a fortnight ago didn't seem to improve matters."

"Yes?"

"Well, to make a long story short, he ordered me abroad, said I must go to the Engadine and stay there till the summer was well advanced. He fears lung trouble, no doubt, and wants to take the thing in time. Well, you know, I hate travelling, especially by myself. I'm such a home bird and a gregarious animal to boot, and to go away among the Swiss mountains for six months without a companion, well, I should worry myself into fiddlestrings."

"No doubt you would."

"Well, after thinking about the thing all ends up, I decided I would ask you to go with me. It may seem a cheeky thing to do. But you've said more than once that you'd 'kinder' enjoy doing me a favor, and I just resolved to take you at your word. So yesterday I ran up to town to put the proposal before you."

"And you found the door locked?"

"Exactly, and the bird flown. But Mrs. Brindle handed me a luggage label you had dropped which gave me a clue to your whereabouts."

"I was on my way to post a letter to you when I met you," Basil said, without raising his eyes.

"But, you see, I was in a hurry," was the laughing reply. "I knew I should hear from you if I waited long enough. At first I decided to write. I did write, in fact, but tore up the letter, for I was too late for the night mail. Besides, by the time I had written to you and you had written back, and I had replied to that, and you had pelted me with further questions, and I had replied again, the winter would be over. So I thought I would just follow you and settle the thing one way or another without delay."

"You are a beggar for seeing things through when you start on them," Basil said with a laugh.

"So you have told me before. Anyhow, you know exactly why I am here. Mrs. Brindle told me she understood you intended going abroad yourself later on, and that further determined me to come and see you. You might fix up things and go with me, or allow me to go with you—that is if you can tolerate my company. I know it is cheeky to try to foist myself on you in——"

"No, not another word, please," Basil interrupted hastily. "You've been my best friend, and there's nothing on earth I wouldn't do to oblige you."

"On the other hand," Phil said, slowly, "I don't want to be selfish over this business. My idea was that we might work our plans to fit each other in some way."

"And there's no reason why we should not," was the reply. "The Engadine will suit me just as well as the Oberland."

"But remember, I want to start at once, and you, perhaps, want to spend some weeks with your parents."

"On the contrary, I only came here for a day or two. My dear fellow, nothing to stay in Penzolan for."

"There's your father and mother, at any rate," Phil said, with a pathetic tone in his voice, for he remembered, not without a touch of sadness, that he had never known his father, and that even his mother was only an indistinct memory.

"I mean, of course, apart from them," Basil answered.

For a moment or two there was silence, during which Phil lighted a cigar and handed another to Basil.

"Let me see," he said at length. "To-day is Friday. Do you think you could start on Monday morning?"

"Quite easily. As a matter of fact I have only unpacked one small bag."

"Then that's settled. Now I can smoke and enjoy it."

"This is a glorious cigar, old chap," Basil said at length. "I haven't tasted anything like it for months."

"Glad you enjoy it," and Phil noticed that a brighter light had already come into Basil's eyes.

John Pendarvis and his wife became quite reconciled to Basil going to a "furren" country when they knew that his friend, Mr. Duncan, was going with him.

"You've took quite a load off my mind, sir, you have," Mrs. Pendarvis said, warmly. "I didn't at all like Basil goin' so far away alone."

"That was just my feeling respecting myself," Phil answered, laughingly.

Basil was the only one who could not sleep that night. Hour after hour he lay with wide-open eyes staring into the darkness, and through the silence came the low boom of the great sea as the wide swell broke slowly upon the rocks. Its deep, faraway music pulsing through the silence held him with a strange fascination. He had never thought to listen to it again. But for Phil he would have been lying among the rocks and seaweed with deaf ears and unseeing eyes, and he shuddered a little and wrapped the bedclothes more tightly round him.

Why had Phil come? he wondered. He knew nothing. Apparently he had not a suspicion. What power had prompted him? What psychic influence had been at work? Or was it one of those curious chances that are always happening in this topsy-turvy world?

Five minutes later would have made all the difference. Had the train been less punctual; had the driver taken a wrong turn; had the horses been less fit or less used to the roads; or had he gone out to post his letters five minutes earlier—

A louder boom from the sea pulsed through the silence and he shuddered again.

The fascination of death was passing away from him—the spell had been broken. Phil's coming had stirred in his heart a new desire for life; faint it might be, but it was there. There was still something to live for; it was not very much, still there was something. He could repay Phil in some measure for his kindness, he could perform a friendly act, and while he could do good, however small a measure of it, he was not altogether useless.

The wind got up as the night advanced, and the deep music of the sea grew louder and louder. He could almost see the waves flinging themselves in their might against the cliffs and recoiling in impotent anger and fury.

Had he flung himself over the cliffs how those waves would have beaten him with their cruel hands, and how the rocks would have torn his flesh and the cold, clammy seaweed would have wound itself round his throat and face, and the crabs would have picked at his eyes, and he pulled the bed-quilt over his ears to dull the thunder of the sea.

He was passing out of the long torpor in which his soul had slept. Imagination had awakened once more, fancy began to picture life as it might be. The nameless, intolerable oppression that like a mountain had been pressing upon him, suffocating him, deadening every sense save the power to suffer, was slowly rolling away from him. He was surely coming to himself.

Was there a God? he wondered.

The first cold gleam of a winter's dawn was stealing over the east. The great sea was hushing its loud thunder into a low lullaby.

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Take notice that, pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executrix or to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of January, 1903, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice, and that the said executrix will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of such distribution.

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Estate of Jos. Keir, Deceased.

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JOHN N. EVANS,
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Dated 26th September, 1902.

ADOLPHUS R. THOMAS.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Lenora Mount Sicker Copper Mining Company, Limited, Non-Personal Liability, and in the Matter of the Winding Up Act and Amending Acts.

The Honorable Mr. Justice Irving has, by an order dated the 15th day of December, A. D., 1902, appointed John Samuel Henry Matson, of the MacGregor Block, in the City of Victoria, to be official liquidator of the above named Company.

Dated the 18th day of December, A. D., 1902.

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CHRISTMAS TREATS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Annual Entertainments Held Last Evening and to Take Place To-Night.

Last evening Christmas entertainments were held in connection with the Sunday school of St. Columba Presbyterian church, Oak Bay, the James Bay Methodist church and St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, while to-night the children of the Knox Presbyterian, St. Barnabas, Spring Ridge Methodist, Metropolitan Methodist and the James Bay Presbyterian Sunday schools will have their annual treat.

The children of the James Bay Methodist church spent a thoroughly enjoyable time. The auditorium of the church was tastefully decorated. Parents and friends as well as members of the Sunday school had turned out in force. Songs, by the school as a whole, recitations, dialogues, musical selections, both instrumental and vocal, passed away the earlier part of the evening, after which the Christmas tree was stripped, Santa Claus distributing the gifts.

St. Columba Presbyterian church was also prettily decorated, and the programme was carried through in a very creditable manner. It consisted in most part of musical selections and recitations. A Christmas tree laden with gifts of all descriptions was provided. Arthur Wheeler had charge of the musical department.

This evening in the Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school room the children of that school will have their regular annual Christmas treat and entertainment. A banquet for all members of the school, including the home department, will be served from 6 to 7 o'clock, after which a programme will be rendered. A Christmas tree will be provided and the good things thereon will be distributed amongst the pupils by Santa Claus.

In the Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge, this evening, the children of St. Barnabas Sunday school will hold their annual entertainment. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock, and at 8 o'clock an excellent programme will be rendered as follows:

Piano Solo ..... Miss Mabel Rausch
Song—Froggie Misses Mary and Annie Reid
Duet .... Miss Juanita and Edward Sears
Recitation—Just Before Christmas .... George Norris
Song—Brownies ..... Tea Boys
Recitation—There Was an Old Woman. ..... David Cochenour
Piano Solo ..... James Watson
Recitation—Trades (As When We Are Men) ..... Six Boys
Song .....
Misses F. Renouf, C. Renouf, E. Andrew, W. Andrew.
Recitation—The Last Hymn .... Miss Winnie Andrew
Piano Duet..Miss V. Snider and Fred. Cole
Recitation—Abou Ben Adahem .... Miss Gertie Matlow
Dialogue—Almost a Runaway .... Miss Isabel and Charlie Dauphin
Drill—Katzenjammer Family....Nine Boys

Santa Claus will make his appearance after the reception of the programme. The story of Santa Claus will be told by Rev. Mr. Miller, and the gifts from the tree will be distributed.

At James Bay Presbyterian church to-night the pupils will have their annual entertainment. Tea will be served and the usual gifts presented the children. The following programme will be rendered:

Chorus—Hark the Herald Angels Sing. ..... By the Girls
Reading ..... F. Schroeder
Drill ..... Boys
Violin Solo ..... Miss Nellie Jeffrey
Recitation ..... Maysie Patterson
Tableau—Faith, Hope and Charity....
Football Tableau .....
Hail, Santa Claus .....
Intermission.
Tableau—Britannia ....
Tumbling ..... Boys
Drill ..... Girls
Recitation ..... Beatrice Proctor
Dialogue ..Bella Heaney and Aggie Jackson
Tableau—Basketball .....
Chorus—What Do They Say ..... God Save the King.

The annual entertainments of the Knox Presbyterian school and the Spring Ridge Methodist Sunday schools will be held to-night at their respective school rooms. At the latter a programme appropriate to the occasion will be given, and a Christmas tree will be stripped of good things for the children. At the former tea will be served at 5 o'clock and a musical programme rendered by the children.

Last evening the children of St. Paul's Presbyterian Sabbath school gathered in the school room. Supper was served from 5.30 to 6.30, after which a programme was given and presents distributed. There was a large attendance.

The annual Christmas tree for the children of the Protestant Orphans' Home is being held this afternoon.

MINE ON FIRE.

It is Feared Eighty Men Have Perished in Russian Colliery.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—A fire occurred in a coal mine at Bachmut. A hundred miners were underground when the fire started; twenty of these have been rescued, but it is feared that the others have succumbed.

ANOTHER LONE ROBBER.

Attempted to Hold Up Train and Is Believed to Have Been Shot.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 30.—A bold attempt was made by a lone robber to hold up the New Orleans-Cincinnati northbound express of the Louisville & Nashville railway, as the train was entering South Louisville early to-day. The highwayman secured but little booty, and is believed to have been shot by Conductor Keene.

HAWK FLEW ABOARD AT THE MERIDIAN

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a miner from Singapore. She also brought one Jap and twenty Chinese for Victoria, and sixty-one Japs and one Russian for Seattle.

The Riojun Maru sailed for the Orient this afternoon.

MARINE NOTES.

The twenty-fifth semi-annual report of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha shareholders, presented at the half yearly meeting held in Tokio on the 25th of last month, shows the gross profits of the company for the preceding six months to be 3,542,413 yen.

British ship Leyland Bros. arrived at San Francisco on Wednesday night. In addition to the usual winter storm, Capt. Atkinson reported that he encountered two large bodies of ice, which he was ten days in clearing.

R. M. S. Empress of India proceeded from here to the Orient about 1 o'clock this morning, after receiving the local mails and twenty-four Chinese passengers from this city.

Steamer Queen City was reported from Bamfield Creek as inward bound this morning. She is expected to arrive at 5 o'clock this evening.

R. M. S. Empress of Japan left Yokohama for Victoria on Friday last.

You must register immediately if you desire to vote at the municipal elections. To-morrow will be the last day on which the opportunity will be open.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Churches Will Unite in Holding Meetings During the Early Part of Year.

During the week, commencing Monday, January 5th, union prayer meetings will be held in the First Presbyterian church. These united services for the week of prayer have been agreed upon by the Ministerial Association of the city. The various Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches will join in these meetings. An exception will be made Thursday evening, when the regular weekly prayer meeting will be held in each church. The subjects for each evening have been arranged as follows:

Monday, January 5th.
"Nations and Their Rulers."
(a) Nations.
(b) Rulers.

Tuesday, January 6th.
"The Relation of the Church to Society."
(a) To Organized Society.
(b) To Social and Business Life.

Wednesday, January 7th.
"Missions Among the Heathen in the Dominion."
(a) The Native Heathen.
(b) All Other Heathens.

Friday, January 8th.
"The Duty of the Church in Her Relation to Young People and the Sabbath."
(a) The Sabbath School and Young People's Societies.
(b) The Observance of the Lord's Day.

LOOKS LIKE MURDER.

J. Prothero Found in Neighbor's Shanty —His Head and Face Battered.

West Selkirk, Man., Dec 28.—Word was brought in last night about a murder which took place at Snake Island, near Black Bear Lake. A number of men are there fishing, H. Bostick and J. Prothero living together in a shanty. Prothero went out in the morning to visit a neighboring shanty in which J. Putverin, a Frenchman, lived. Not returning that night, next morning Bostick went to find him, and on opening the door of the shanty found Prothero lying on the floor dead. His head and face were badly battered. Putverin was asleep, his hands and face covered with blood and himself bruised. He says he cannot account for or remember how the deed was done, as both were intoxicated.

S. Raymond, the magistrate near there, was informed, and arrested Putverin and sent in word to the attorney-general's department. Dr. Ross, coroner, and R. Gardner, policeman, left last night for Snake Island, which is over one hundred miles from here. Prothero comes from Windsor, Ontario. He leaves a widow and daughter.

CHIEF OFFICER KILLED.

Struck by Wave During Storm and Died From Injuries.

New York, Dec. 28.—La Champagne, of the French steamship line, arrived to-day from Havre. On December 20th La Champagne sighted a ship about six miles off flying distress signals. She proved to be the barque Nile, of Glasgow, bound from Barbadoes for Boston. Her compass was out of order. La Champagne gave the required aid to the Nile, which then proceeded.

On December 25th, during a strong westerly gale, which lasted about six hours, Pierre Bardelles, the first officer of La Champagne, was killed by a sea. Bardelles was standing on the bridge, when a tremendous sea struck the vessel on the starboard side, throwing him down with great force. He was picked up unconscious and died an hour later. His body was buried at sea.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Good Intent dry dock at Algiers, opposite New Orleans, sunk on Saturday. It started to sink during Friday night and tugs in the harbor were summoned, but were unable to save it. It is not believed that the dock can be again floated.

The Japanese elections have been fixed for February. The dissolution of the Imperial diet is due to the opposition of the party leaders to the government's plan to raise the money for the naval programme by increasing the land tax.

General Samuel Pearson, the former Boer commander, is in Monterey, Mexico, as the agent of thousands of his countrymen who intend to colonize in Southern Texas or Northern Mexico. A commission of Boers are expected to arrive in New Orleans on January 15th.

Three men were overcome by gas in an excavation in Montreal. Wm. McBride died in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. The others will recover.

SPORTING

HOCKEY.

VICTORIAS BEATEN.

Word has been received from Winnipeg announcing the defeat of the Victorias by the Winnipeg Rowing Club seven in the first of the series of city league senior hockey games, by a score of 5 to 3. Among the members of the Rowing Club team were Johnson, Brown and Wood, of last year's Victoria seven.

GAME POSTPONED.

The game which was to have been played yesterday afternoon between the ladies' hockey teams of Victoria and Vancouver was postponed until to-day on account of inclement weather.

ANOTHER TEAM.

Efforts are being made to organize an intermediate hockey team from the membership of the Victoria club. At present there are hardly sufficient members to allow for both an intermediate and senior team, but with a few more players there would be no difficulty. It is probable that a game will be played shortly between the High school and Victoria junior teams.

BASKETBALL.

JUNIOR GAME.

A junior basketball match was played last evening between the Victoria West and Y. A. C. teams at the former's hall. The game resulted in a victory for the Victoria West boys by a score of 12 to 5. This is the second victory gained by the boys of Victoria West within a very short space of time. Some Saturdays ago they defeated the Capital team by a score of 18 to 4. Tom Crocker refereed last evening's game satisfactorily. The victorious team follows: Guards, A. Campbell and U. Campbell; centre, Stuart; forwards, Okell and Bailey.

MATCH TO-NIGHT.

One of the intermediate league series will be played to-night at the F. Y. M. A. hall between the Fernwood and Victoria West teams. The teams follow:

Victoria West—Guards, T. Hutcheson and J. Dakers; centre, F. Baker; forwards, A. Stephens and W. Bloomfield.

Fernwood—Guards, Gallop and Macmillan; centre, Malcolm; forwards, Peden and Hancock.

Sam. Lorimer will referee the game.

The standing of the league follows:

	Won.	Lost.	Pts.
Victoria West	4	1	8
Fernwood	3	1	6
Capitals	2	1	4
James Bay	1	4	2

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

RESULTED IN DRAW.

The Toronto Telegram's cable of December 28th from Edinburgh gives the following account of a match between the All-Canadians and Wanderers:

"The All-Canadian team and Edinburgh Wanderers played here, and after a most exciting game neither team was able to tally a point. Weather was fine but very windy, and the ground was excellent. Fully fifteen hundred people saw the contest. The teams were evenly matched, but it was noticed that the Canadians had still a good deal to learn about the English game. The Canadians expected to win, believing their opponents not equal to the team they met on Thursday. The Canadians' forward and passing work showed great improvement. Ten minutes from the finish the referee, fortunately for the Canadians, blew the whistle, cutting short a Wanderer player on the point of scoring. Several members of the Canadian team complain of not feeling well. Powers, of the Canadians, showed great cleverness and was repeatedly cheered. The Canadian quarters are not yet into full swing of the English game. The Edinburgh team is composed of men from the Academics and Watsonians, as well as Wanderers. The boys from Canada were sorely disappointed at not winning."

VICTORY FOR CANADIANS.

A cable dated Dec. 29th tells of a match won by the Canadians at Dundee as follows: "The All-Canadian footballers engaged the North of Scotland team here to-day and won with a score of 5 to 0. The Scotsmen were considered a weak combination, and from the outset victory was predicted for Canada. There was slight wind during the progress of the match; the ground was very soft, but the weather was fine. About 400 people witnessed the game."

PERSONAL.

Ed. W. Pyke and C. H. Nesbitt, of Toronto, and T. H. Bracken, of Vancouver, introducing the Malta Vita Company's product, are at the Dominion.

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Rev. Dr. Whittington, Rev. C. Ensor Sharp and W. Thompson were among the passengers from Vancouver by the steamer Charmer last evening.

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J. L. G. Abbott, of Rossland; J. C. Caskey, of Seattle; and B. H. Burnetts, of Tacoma, are guests at the Driard.

W. S. Thomson, of Vancouver; Phil. Aucht, of Crofton; and F. P. Kendall, of Seattle, are at the Imperial.

J. J. Dougan, of the Vancouver public school staff, returned to the Mainland by the Charmer this morning.

Alfred S. Gilbert and Jas. Fowler, of Vancouver, and Jas. Russell, of Ladysmith, are at the Vernon.

W. F. Omberg, of Memphis, and Marshall K. Snell, of Tacoma, are among the guests at the Victoria.

A. E. Wood, of Toronto, returned from San Francisco last evening. He is staying at the Dominion.

E. M. Yarwood, police magistrate, of Nanaimo, is in the city on legal business.

D. McKenzie and wife, tourists from Denver, Colo., are at the Victoria hotel.

W. A. Richardson, of San Francisco, is at the Dominion.

TIDE TABLE

Victoria, B. C., December, 1902.

(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Date.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
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2 ..	7 51	7.9	9 56	7.8	13 34	8.4	22 27	1.6
3 ..	8 36	8.0	11 00	7.8	13 46	8.1	23 04	1.9
4 ..	9 14	8.0	12 22	7.7	13 46	7.7	23 43	2.3
5 ..	9 33	8.0						
6 ..	0 23	2.8	9 02	7.9				
7 ..	1 04	3.4	9 06	8.0				
8 ..	1 47	4.0	9 20	8.1	19 28	5.2	21 33	5.3
9 ..	2 32	4.7	9 39	8.3	18 06	4.6	23 54	5.5
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13 ..	3 58	7.2	6 30	6.9	11 46	9.6	19 55	0.9
14 ..	4 38	7.7	7 25	7.2	12 27	9.8	20 37	0.3
15 ..	5 16	8.1	8 19	7.4	13 11	9.8	21 20	0.1
16 ..	5 53	8.2	9 16	7.5	13 56	9.5	22 03	0.2
17 ..	6 28	8.4	0 18	7.4	14 43	9.0	22 46	0.6
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21 ..	1 01	3.1	8 25	8.7	15 39	5.3	20 09	6.0
22 ..	1 47	4.1	8 48	8.7	16 42	4.5	22 27	5.7
23 ..	2 34	5.1	9 12	8.8	17 38	3.7	.....	..
24 ..	1 27	6.1	3 24	6.0	9 39	8.9	18 27	3.0
25 ..	3 08	6.8	4 17	6.8	10 09	9.0	19 04	2.5
26 ..	4 00	7.4	5 13	7.3	10 41	9.1	19 32	2.1
27 ..	4 46	7.8	6 12	7.7	11 15	9.1	19 59	1.8
28 ..	5 28	8.0	7 12	7.9	11 50	9.0	20 28	1.6
29 ..	6 07	8.2	8 09	8.0	12 22	8.9	20 58	1.6
30 ..	6 42	8.2	9 03	8.0	12 50	8.7	21 30	1.7
31 ..	7 13	8.1	9 54	7.8	13 15	8.5	22 04	1.9

The time used is Pacific standard for the 120 Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

Esquimalt (at Dry Dock)—From observations during six months, May to October, compared with simultaneous observations continued at Victoria by Mr. F. N. Denison.

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3—Birdcage W'k. and Superior St. James B.
4—Carr and Simcoe Sts., James Bay.
5—Michigan and Menzies Sts., James Bay.
6—Menzies and Niagara Sts., James Bay.
7—Montreal and Kingston Sts., James Bay.
8—Montreal and Simcoe Sts., James Bay.
9—Dallas Rd. and Simcoe St., James Bay.
14—Vancouver and Burdette Sts.
15—Douglas and Humboldt Sts.
16—Humboldt and Rupert Sts.
21—Yates and Broad Sts.
23—Fort and Government Sts.
24—Yates and Wharf Sts.
25—Johnson and Government Sts.
26—Douglas St., between Fort and View.
27—Headquarters Fire Dept., Cormorant St.
31—View and Blanchard Sts.
32—Fort and Quadra Sts.
34—Yates and Cook Sts.
35—Cadboro Bay Rd. and Stanley Ave.
36—Junction Oak Bay and Cadboro Bay Rds.
37—Cadboro Bay and Richmond Rds.
41—Quadra and Pandora Sts.
42—Chatham and Blanchard Sts.
43—Caledonia and Cook Sts.
45—Spring Ridge.
46—North Chatham St. and Stanley Ave.
51—Douglas and Discovery Sts.
52—Government and Princess Sts.
53—King's Rd. and Second St.
54—Fountain, Douglas St. and Hillside.
56—Oaklands Fire Hall.
61—Cormorant and Store Sts.
62—Discovery and Store Sts.
63—John and Bridge Sts.
64—Catherine St., Victoria West.
65—Springfield Ave. and Esquimalt Rd.
71—Douglas St. and Burnside Rd.

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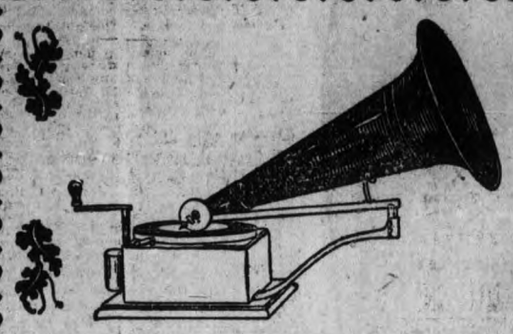

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BRUHN—At Revelstoke, on Dec. 20th, the wife of R. Bruhn, of Malakwa, of a son.

DIED.

NEWMAN—At Arrowhead, on Dec. 23rd, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Newman, aged 9 months.

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